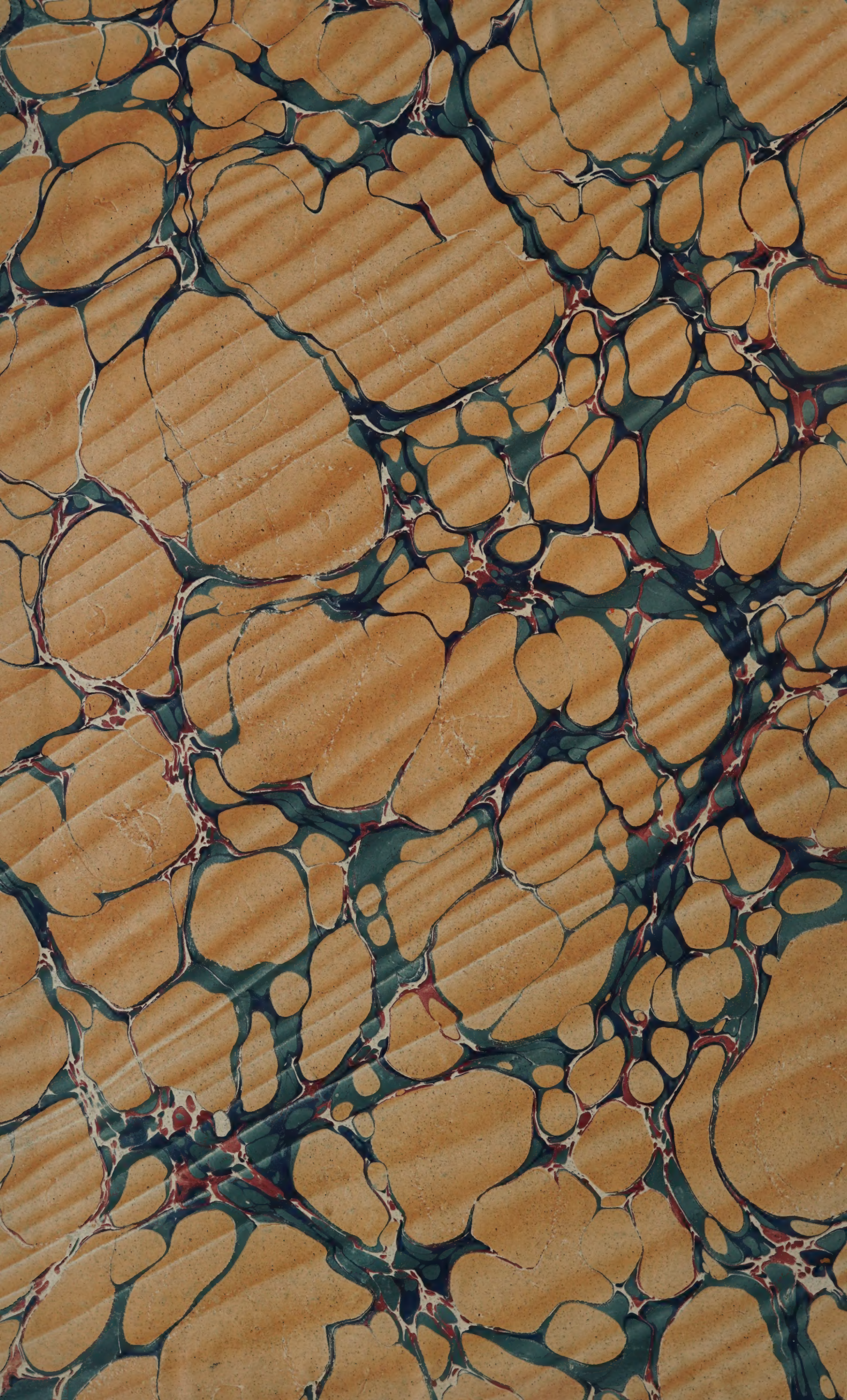


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Belonging to
New England Yearly Meeting:

of Ministers and Elders,
Wherein is recorded the Acts and proceedings
of that Meeting.

1845.

A departure from correct principles having gradually progressed in the Society of friends in N. England for a considerable number of years, until it became evident to many minds that a general depravity would take place, unless some honest friends were found among us, who were willing to suffer the reproaches of men, by making a stand against the introduction of unsound doctrines which many were disposed to bring into the Church unawares.

And a Remnant has been found willing to stand up among us for the support of the cause and the testimonies of Truth; and refused to sell them for that which is not Bread, ^{to} and resign them for that which satisfieth not; wherefore they have been persecuted and finally driven from the community of those who have been long desiring to sit in Moses' seat, and to lord it over the Heritage of God. And this persecuted number, have finally become detached from the ranks of their enemies, and have been enabled to sustain a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders under the original order, Doctrine, testimonies and Discipline of the ancient Society of friends.

But the Records of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England, having fallen into the hands of the apostate part of the Society, we now commence anew in this Book to record the transactions of our Select Yearly Meeting.

1845

At an adjournment of our Meeting of Ministers and Elders held on 5th day morning the 19th of 6. Mo. 1845. Held at a Baptist Meeting House on Clarke Street New Port, on Rhodes Island, for New England.

By reason of a secession from our doctrines and discipline, a departure in which the Clerk of this Meeting with many other of its members have identified themselves and are not with us

This Meeting appoints John Withler Clerk for the the present Year

On account of the State of things referred to above and by reason that the Clerks of the Select Quarterly Meetings have also identified themselves with those who have thus departed from our doctrine and Discipline, and from other causes, the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders have fallen into the hands of the seceders, so that we are deprived of any written accounts from those Meetings.

Here Nath Swaine, Prime Gardner & Elizabeth Mitchel, present, inform this Meeting that they were appointed Representative from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to this Yearly Meeting.

The Queries were read in this Meeting, and our friends present from the different Quarters, report it as their belief that the several particulars referred to and called for, are observed by those in unity with us.

This Meeting having attended to the concerns which came before it, and having been mercifully favoured sensibly to witness the precious covering of our Heavenly

1845. Frathers Love and Good Presence whereby we have been comforted together and nearly united in the fellowship of the Gospel of Peace, we conclude, proposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

John Wilbur Clerk.

1846

At New England yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Port on Rhode Island the 13th of 6th Month 1846.

Accounts have been received from our Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, as followeth, and their Representatives are, from that of Rhode Island, Henry Gould, John Wilbur, Thaniel Foster, Palmer Chase, Lydia Wilbur & Eunice Foster. From Sandwich, Seth Davis, Francis Taber, Poley Mitchell, Prince Gardner, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Davis & Mary Macy. From Salem, Nathan Page & Jonathan Nichols. From Dover, Joseph Meader, Joshua Meader, Melotable Meader and Phebe Meader. Present, except two, for whose absence a sufficient account was given.

The Quines have been read in this Meeting, with the Answers sent up from our several Quarterly Meetings, giving a satisfactory account of the state of things among us; a summary whereof is as followeth.

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend meetings both both for worship and for discipline, encouraging such of their families to these duties as are suitable; and that ministers in the exercise of their Gifts, appear careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers & elders, are in a good degree clean and blameless among men, and are in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, and labour together harmoniously for the honour of Truth, and are concerned to rule their own Houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness & moderation as called for, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves. And it appears that ministers and elders are concerned to be peace makers in families and in the Church.

careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families though from, and to ~~maintain~~ ^{administer} justice as faithful servants.

We are informed by the account from Rhode Island, that they have united with the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Gould and Hannah Carpenter; and of the appointment of John Mitchell and Catherine Mitchell, Palmer Chase and Thomas Wilbur, Ruth Chase and Mary Chase to the station of Elders; and from Sandwich that they have united with the appointment of Sarah F. Paddock; and from Dover that they had united with the appointment of Joseph Meader and Mahabell Meader to the same stations.

This Meeting appoints, Peleg Mitchell, Seth Davis, Jonathan Nash, Elizabeth Mitchell, Lydia Wilbur & Ruth Chase, to take the oversight of the several sittings at this time, and they are desired to report to an adjournment of this meeting.

This meeting adjourns to 8 o'clock on 5th day morning the 18th Fifth day the 20th at the time appointed friends again met.

One of the Representatives has informed this meeting that so many of their number as were together, were united in proposing John Wilbur as Clerk of this Meeting, and Peleg Mitchell assistant, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to those services accordingly.

The representatives being called were present as at our former sitting.

This meeting has been informed, that Rhode Island Quarterly meeting was united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Foster and Phoebe Foster to the station of Elders; and that Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Page to the same station.

The Committee appointed at our first sitting, to take the oversight of meetings, during the sittings of the present Yearly Meeting, Report, that they have attended to their appointment, & find no occasion for further remark.

This meeting having been favoured to attend to the concerns which have come before it in near unity & brotherly love

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and a degree of thankfulness is now at the conclusion witnessed in the comfortable evidence that has been mercifully afforded that the Head of the Church has not forsaken us, but strengthened us by a sense of His Good Presence, under which we conclude and adjourn to meet again on this Island next year at the usual time if the Lord permits. John Wilbur, Clerk.

1847

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England held at New Port on Rhode Island the 12th of Decr 1847

Accounts being present from all the Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging, the friends therein named as representatives are

From Rhode Island, Henry Gould, John Wilbur, John Mitchell, Palmer Chase, Oliver Foster, Lydia Wilbur, Catharine Mitchell and Ruth Chase.

From Sandwich Seth Davis, Prince Gardner, Peleg Mitchell, Francis Taber, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Davis & Mary May.

Salem, Nathan Page, Jonathan Nichols & Mary Page.

Dover Joshua Meader, Joseph Meader, Phebe Meader & Abigail Meader, who are all present except four for whose absence acceptable reasons were assigned.

This Meeting appoints Francis Taber, Seth Davis, Prince Gardner, Mary Page & Catharine Mitchell to take the oversight of the sittings of the Yearly Meeting at this time and they are desired to report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Salem in their account informs that their Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the public ministry of

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La's & S's. And Dover in their account inform that Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Buw's Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the Public Ministry of Mary L. Parney.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from our Quarterly Meeting, which are in a good degree satisfactory; and the assistant clerk is desired to bring a summary of those answers at our next sitting.

This meeting adjourns to 8 o'clock on 14th day morning the 16th.

Fourth day morning the 16th Friends again met according to adjournment.

Parney Gardner on behalf of the representatives has proposed the appointment of Peleg Mitchell as Clerk & Thomas Wilbur as assistant clerk to this meeting, which being satisfactory, they are appointed to those services accordingly for the ensuing year.

The representatives on being called are present, as at our former sitting.

Seth Davis on behalf of the Committee to take the oversight of the sittings of the Yearly Meeting, reports that they have attended to the object of their appointment, & have no additional remarks to make.

The following summary of the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings having been read, is satisfactory to this meeting.

Ministers & Elders are in a good degree careful to attend meetings both for worship & discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved

from being burthensome. Their lives are in a good degree clean & blameless amongst men, they are in unity one with each other and with the meeting they belong to, labouring together in harmony for the honour of truth. They endeavour to rule their own houses well & to bring up their families in plainness of dress, language & true moderation & to be exemplary in these respects themselves. They endeavour to be peace makers in families & in the church, careful to maintain the discipline, not desecrating their own families hypocrisy, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

Having been favoured to attend to the various concerns of this meeting, with new feelings of unity & brotherly love, and ^{an} evidence as we humbly trust of the presence of him, who is head over all things to his church, with fervent desires that we may be preserved upon that foundation which is immutable, with a covering of solemnity we conclude & adjourn to meet on the Island at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine will.

Peleg Mitchell Clerk

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At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at Newport on Rhode Island for
New England 10th of Oct 1848

Accounts being received from our
several Quarterly Meetings, as last year, the rep-
resentatives therein named to attend ~~to attend~~
this meeting are from Rhode Island, John
Wilbur, Thomas B Gould, Palmer Chase, John
Mitchell, Mary Buffinton Lydia Wilbur
Phoebe Foster, Sandwich, James Gardner,
Francis Taber, Seth Davis, Peleg Mitchell
Sylvia R Wilbur Mary, Mary ^{Mary} Davis, Salem
Nathan Page, Jonathan Nichols, Mary Page
& Lais S. Lee, Dover Joseph Meader, Phoebe Mea-
der & Mchittable Meader, who being called
are all present, but one, for whose absence
a satisfactory reason has been offered

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in
their account inform that their Meeting
had united with Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Sylvia R
Wilbur to the station of an Elder & with
Nantucket Monthly Meeting in approving
the gift & public appearances in the Ministry
of Christopher C. Henssey

Joseph Meader, Henry Gould, Seth
Davis, Mchittable Meader, & Lydia Wilbur
are appointed to take the oversight of the
sittings of the Yearly Meeting at this time
& they are requested to report to a future
sitting of this meeting.

The Series have been read in this
meeting, with answers thereto from our
several Quarterly Meetings, which are in a
good degree satisfactory.

Adjourned to Fifth day the 15th

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emo the 15th of the month at the 8th hour in the morning

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On this day morning the 15th Friends again met pursuant to adjournment

The representatives on being called are present as at our former sitting.

Since Gardner on behalf of the representative, having proposed the names of Peleg Mitchell for Clerk of this meeting & Thomas Wilbur for assistant, & being separately considered, were united with & they appointed to those services respectively for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

The following summary of answers to the Queries received from our several Quarterly Meetings, has been read, and is satisfactory.

Seth Davis on behalf of the Committee appointed to have the oversight of the sittings of the Yearly Meeting reports that they have attended to the object of their appointment and have no additional remarks to make.

meeting Having been favoured as we humbly trust, during the several sittings of this meeting with an evidence of the good presence of him, who is head over all things to his Church, and the business being now accomplished, under a covering of solemnity & with feelings of love & sympathy one toward another we conclude by proposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will

Peleg Mitchell Clerk

1848) Summary of the Answers
Ques. By the answers to the Query we are informed
ed that Ministers & Elders are careful to
attend Meetings for Divine worship & Discip-
line encouraging such of their families to this
duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their
gifts appear careful to wait for divine ability &
are not hushensome, & Life & Conversation Min-
isters & Elders appear in good measure to be clean
& blameless, using unity one with another & with
the meeting they belong to, harmonizing in labour
for the honour of Truth.

They endeavour to rule their own
houses well bringing up their families in plain-
ness ^{& moderation} agreeably to the requisitions of the query and to
be exemplary in these respects themselves. They en-
deavour to be peace makers in families and in
the Church, & the discipline is in a good degree
maintained impartially & justice appears to be
faithfully administered.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New
England 9th of June 1849

Accounts being received from our
Several Quarterly Meetings as last year the
representatives therein named to this Meeting, are,
from Rhode Island John Wilbur, Thomas B
Gould, Palmer Chase, Oliver Foster, Lydia
Wilbur, Phebe Foster, Eunice Foster. Sandwich
Prince Gardner, Francis Taber, Seth Davis
Mary Davis, Mary Macy, Salem Nathan
Page, Mary Page George F Read, Dover Timo
thy Varney, Elizabeth Hill, Mary S Varney &
Phebe Meader, who are all present but one

We are informed by the account from
R I Quarterly Meeting that that meeting had
united with South Kingstown Monthly Meet
ing, in approving the gift & public appearances
in the ministry of Phebe Foster, & from Dover
that they had united in approving the gifts
& public appearances in the ministry of
Elizabeth Hill & Timothy Varney. From
Sandwich that they had united with
Nantucket Mo Meeting in the appoint
ment of Mary Barnard to the station of an
Elder & from Salem that they had united
with Salem Mo Meeting in the appointment
of George F Read to the ~~the~~ same station

Our Friend Joseph Fair of Heceta
Monthly Meeting of Friends State of New York
is now present with us & has produced a
satisfactory minute from that meeting, ex
pressive of unity with his ministry & present
religious engagements, his company & Gospel
labours have been truly acceptable us.

The Queries have been read ~~in this~~

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meeting with answers thereto from our several meetings, which are in a good degree satisfactory & the Assistant Clerk is requested to prepare a summary thereof and produce it at our next sitting.

Seth Davis, Peleg Mitchell, Henry Gould Mary Page & Sylvia R Wilbur are appointed to take the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting & report to an adjournment of this meeting.

Adjourned to fifth day the 14th at the 9th hour in the morning.

Fifth day morning the 14th met pursuant to adjournment.

The representatives being called are all present but two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been rendered.

Seth Davis on behalf of the representatives, having proposed the names of Peleg Mitchell for clerk of this meeting & Thomas Wilbur for assistant, & being separately considered & it is united with, & they appointed to those services, respectively, for the year ensuing.

The following summary of the answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings has been read and is satisfactory.

Henry Gould in behalf of the Committee appointed at our first sitting to take the oversight of the Yearly Meeting reports they have attended to the object of their appointment & have no remarks to make.

No further business appears at this time, and although it may seem that low places are appointed unto us; yet we feel bound reverently to acknowledge that the wing of ancient goodness, has been spread over us, the uniting & cementing influence of

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thereof being sensibly felt; under an humble and contrit sense of which, we conclude proposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year; if consistent with the divine will

Deleg Mitchell Clerk

Summary of the Answers

By the answers to the Queries at this time presented, we are informed that Ministers & Elders are careful to attend meetings for divine worship & discipline & to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ministers appear to be careful in the exercise of their gifts to wait for divine ability; consequently are not burthensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be measurably clean & blameless, being in unity with each other & with the meetings they belong to, harmonising in labour for the honour of Truth. —

They endeavour to rule their own houses well bringing up their families in plainness and moderation as quereled after, & to be exemplary in these respects themselves, — They endeavour for peace in families, and in the Church, & the discipline is in a good degree maintained with propriety & justice appears to be faithfully administered to all.

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Annual Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England
15th of Cmo 1850

Accounts being received from our several Quarterly Meetings as last year, the friends therein numbered to attend this meeting as representatives, are, from Rhode Island John Wilbur, Thomas B Gould, Palmer Chase, Oliver Foster, Lydia Wilbur, Eunice Foster Sandwich Francis Taha, Prince Gardner, Job Eddy, Mary Page, George F Reed Mary Mary Sylvia Plowman, Mary Davis, Salem Nathan Page George F Reed Mary Page, Dover William Hill Timothy Varny, Rhode Reader, Elizabeth Hill. who are all present but two.

On the account from Sandwich, we are informed that their Quarterly Meeting had united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Job Eddy to the station of an Elder. And in that from Dover that their Quarterly Meeting had united with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Hill to the same station.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto from our several meetings which are in a good degree satisfactory & comforting & Peleg Mitchell & George F Reed are appointed to prepare a summary thereof to be placed on our records & produce it on adjournment of this meeting.

Palmer Chase, Peleg Mitchell, Francis Taha, Mary Barnard Mary Page & Rhode Reader, are appointed to take the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report thereon to an adjournment of this meeting.

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Adjourned to the day the 19th at the O.K. house in the morning.

Fourth day morning the 19 Friends again assembled.

The representatives being called were present as at our first sitting.

Palmer Chase on behalf of the representatives having proposed Peleg Mitchell for clerk of this meeting & Thomas Withers as assistant clerk and being separately considered, the proposition was united with & they appointed to these services respectively for the year ensuing.

The committee appointed at our first sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, report that they have attended to their appointment & have nothing to remark.

The friends appointed ~~at our first sitting~~ to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, which were read at our first sitting have produced one which is satisfactory, & is directed to be recorded.

Although it may appear that low places and deep proving seasons are allotted unto us, yet a little evidence we trust, has been vouchsafed of a renewed extension of divine regard, during the exercises into which we have been introduced, and desires have been raised that we may know a being preserved upon that rock, which is immutable, under an humbling and solemnizing sense of which (our business being accomplished) we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Peleg Mitchell Clerk

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Summary of the Answers

Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings both for worship and discipline and to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Minister, in the exercise of their gift appear careful to wait for divine ability, thus being preserved from being hurrthensome.

Their Conversation of Minister & Elders appear in a good degree, clean & blameless amongst men, they are in unity one with another, and with the meeting, they belong to and are concerned to labour together for the honour of Truth in Harmony. They are generally careful to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness agreeable to the query, and endeavour to be exemplary themselves. They endeavour to be peace makers in families and in the church and to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

1857
Cmo

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At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New
England. 11th of Cmo 1857

Accounts being received from our
several Quarterly Meetings as last year, the
Friends therein named to attend this meeting as
representatives, are from Rhode Island John
Wilbur, Chas. Foster, Thomas B. Gould, Palmer
Chase, Lydia Wilbur, Ruth Wood, & Catharine
Mitchell. Salem Nathan Page, George F. Reed
Lis S. Sues, Sandwich. Peleg Mitchell, Francis
Tabor, Job Eddy, Sylvia R. Wilbur & Sarah S.
Paddock, Dover Wm Hill, Timothy Varney,
Elizabeth Hill & Phoebe Meader, whose names
being called they are all present but one for
whose absence a satisfactory reason has been
given.

The Quiries have been read, with answers
thereto, which have been received from
our respective Quarterly Meetings & Peleg
Mitchell & George F. Reed are appointed to
prepare a summary thereof & produce it
to an adjournment of this meeting.

Palmer Chase, Job Eddy, William Hill,
Mary Page, Sarah S. Paddock & Ruth Wood
are appointed to take the Oversight of the
several sittings of the Yearly Meeting & report
thereon to an adjournment of this meeting.

Adjourned to 4th day the 18th at the
9th hour in the morning.

Fourth day morning the 18th - met according
to adjournment. —

The names of the representatives being called
they were all present and answered thereto.

Job Eddy, informed the meeting that a part
of the representatives had been together, and had

concluded on proposing Thomas B. Gould for clerk and George F. Read for Assistant Clerk; and the proposition being united with they are appointed to those services respectively, for the year ensuing.

The Friends appointed at our first sitting to prepare a Summary of the answers to the Queries produced the following, which has been read and is directed to be recorded. viz.

Ministers and Elders are generally careful to attend meetings both for worship and Discipline and to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are generally careful to wait for Divine ability—

The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be in a good degree clean & blameless amongst men: They are in a good degree of unity one with another, and are concerned to labour harmoniously together for the honour of Truth.

They endeavour to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness agreeably to the Query, and to be exemplary themselves.

They appear to be peacemakers in families and in the Church and careful to maintain the Discipline—not screening their own families therefrom, and to faithfully administer justice.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting reported that they had attended to the service—without further remark.—Under a sense of much weakness and of many conflicts and discouragements, we have been comforted in the belief that the Foundation standeth sure, and that the Shepherd of Israel is still mindful of His flock however few and wherever scattered: and having been enabled to attend to the concerns which have come before us—we conclude, ~~purposing~~ purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Thomas B. Gould Clerk.

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At our Yearly collecting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on Seventh day the 12th of the 6th month, 1852.

Accounts are received from the several Quarterly Meetings as heretofore, and the Friends named therein as representatives to this meeting, are from Rhode Island; John Willbur, Henry Gould, Othniel Foster, Thos B. Gould, Thomas Willbur, Lydia Willbur, and Phoebe Foster: from Salem; and Dover Quarter; Nathan Page, William Hill, George F. Read, Timothy Varney, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Page and Lois S. Ives; and from Sandwich Francis Taber, Peleg Mitchell, Mary Macy and Mary Davis, whose names being called they were present except four, and for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were rendered.

The Queries were read at this time with the answers thereto which have been received from the Quarterly Meetings and George F. Read & Thomas B. Gould are appointed to prepare a Summary of the answers and to lay it before an adjournment of this meeting.

We appoint Peleg Mitchell, Othniel Foster, William Hill, Phoebe Wheeler, Mary Page & Catherine Mitchell to have the oversight of collectings, and they are requested to report thereon at a future sitting.

Adjourned to Fourth day morning the 16th at the eighth hour.

Fourth day morning - the 16th of the month. The meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called, they were all present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were now rendered assigned.

John Willbur reported on behalf of the representatives that a part of them had met upon the subject

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and were united in proposing Thos B. Gould for Clerk and George F. Read for Assistant clerk - and the nomination being approved by this meeting, they are respectively appointed to those services for the ensuing year. -

The Friends with whom the subject of preparing a Summary of the answers to the Queries was left; produced the following which has been read & being approved is directed to be recorded viz:

Ministers and Elders are generally careful to attend meetings for worship and discipline and to bring their families with them; encouraging such of their families to the same duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts generally appear careful to wait for Divine ability and are mostly preserved from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders appear to be in good measure clean and blameless amongst men, they are in a good degree of unity one with another - generally harmonizing in labour for the honour of Truth.

They endeavour to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their children in plainness according to the Query, and to be exemplary themselves.

They are generally concerned to be peacemakers in families and in the Church and to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom and also to administer justice faithfully.

During the consideration of the weighty subjects embraced in the summary of the answers to the Queries this meeting was brought under a living concern and travail of spirit for the safety in an especial manner of this part of the Lords heritage; and inasmuch as He hath seen meet to set some in conspicuous places, the great importance of their being replenished with Heavenly wisdom & receiving a good and renewed understanding from Him, how to perform

perform His service and to go in and out before His People, to their instruction and to the Lords honour; was weightily impressed upon ~~us~~ all our members.

Ethiuel Foster reported on behalf of the committee charged with the oversight of meetings that they had attended to the service.

And now having been favoured to feel an evidence of the continued care and merciful loving kindness of our Divine Master, by whose Holy help we have been hitherto measurably assisted and enabled to attend to the weighty concerns which have come before us in much harmony and love and as we humbly trust, in a ^{good} degree under a feeling of reverent thankfulness therefor; we conclude; purposing to meet again on this Island in the Sixth month next if the Lord permit.

Thomas B. Gould Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on 7th day morning - the eleventh of 6th month 1853.

We have received accounts from the several select Quarterly Meetings hereto belonging - as last year, by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed as their representatives to this meeting: viz; From Rhode Island - Othniel Foster, John Willbur, Thomas B. Gould, Eunice Foster, Phebe Foster, and Ruth Wood; From Salem and Dover - Nathan Page, William Hill, George F. Read, Timothy Varney, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Page and Lois S. Ives; and from Sandwich, Christopher C. Hussey, Job Eddy, Thomas K. Willbur, Peleg Mitchell, Mary Davis, Sarah S. Paddock and Mary Macy; whose names being called they were all present except me. -

The Queries have been read at this time with the answers thereto, received from the several Quarterly Meetings above mentioned: and George F. Read and Thomas B. Gould are appointed to prepare a Summary of the answers, and to lay it before an adjournment of this Meeting.

It appears by the account from Sandwich Quarter that in the 7th month last, it united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza C. Coffin to the station of an Elder - in the 10th month with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Judith Swift, and in the 4th month, with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas K. Willbur and with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James Austin, all to the same station.

We appoint our Friends, Job Eddy, Henry Gould Peleg Mitchell, Mary Page, Sarah S. Paddock and Sylvia K. Willbur to have the oversight of meetings, and they are requested to report their attention to this service to a future sitting of this meeting.

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The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and to report the names of suitable Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk & Assistant to the adjournment.

Adjourned to the 5th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

Nathan Page reported on behalf of the representatives, that they had been together and were united in proposing Thomas B. Gould for clerk of this meeting and George F. Read for Assistant Clerk; and the nomination being approved they were accordingly appointed to those services for the year ensuing.

Our beloved aged Friend John Wilbur opened in this meeting a concern which had for a length of time rested with much and increasing weight upon his mind to pay a visit in the love of the Gospel to Friends and others in some parts of Great Britain and Ireland, as Truth may open the way and as expressed in a certificate granted him by South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the 4th month last, and endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich in the 5th month following; both of which, after a time of weighty deliberation and the expression of near sympathy and unity with him in the concern, were produced & read in this meeting; and he was feelingly encouraged and set at liberty to pursue his prospect, as best wisdom may direct. and Peleg Mitchell, Thomas B. Gould, George F. Read, Thomas K. Wilbur, Mary Buffinton & Mary Davis are appointed to prepare a certificate of our unity with our dear devoted Friend and to lay it before a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to the 4th day of the next week, at the eighth hour in the morning.

Fourth day of the week and 15th of the month.

The meeting again assembled pursuant to adjournment, and the names of the representatives

being called over, they were all present as at our first sitting.

The committee appointed at a previous sitting to prepare a Certificate for our dear Friend John Wilbur brought an essay into this meeting, which was read, deliberately considered and approved. The clerk was directed to transcribe and sign the same on our behalf and to furnish him therewith. The clerk was also directed to lay the same before the Yearly Meeting at large; in order that Friends generally may be informed of his having been set at liberty to pursue the prospect before him; and particularly that the necessary care may be taken to provide him with suitable company and accommodations for the journey.

The Friends appointed at a previous sitting to prepare a Summary of the answers to the Queries produced the following, which being read and approved was directed to be recorded.

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend meetings for worship and discipline, and to bring their families with them - they also encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good measure clean and blameless amongst men. They are in a good degree of unity one with another and with their own meetings - endeavoring to labour together in harmony for the honour of Truth.

They endeavour to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness, as queried, and appear to be exemplary themselves.

They are concerned for peace in families and in the Church, and to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice impartially.

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c Notwithstanding deficiencies have appeared amongst us, and we have been afresh made sensible thereof by the reading of the answers to the Queries received from our subordinate branches, yet we are constrained to acknowledge that our merciful Redeemer has not forgotten to be gracious - that He hath not in anger shut up His tender mercies. And under a renewed sense of our Heavenly Father's love, Friends were tenderly exhorted and encouraged to increased watchfulness and faithfulness in the support of those precious and invaluable Testimonies which have been given us to bear, that so walking by the same rule and minding the same thing, we may be preserved in true fellowship one with another - precious harmonizing in labour for the honour of Truth, and in order that as individuals and as a Body we may be cleansed from every defilement and truly qualified to exalt the Standard of Truth & Righteousness in the earth.

Although the committee appointed to have the oversight ^{of meetings} reported at this time that they had attended to the service, without further remark; - Yet our minds have been introduced again & again, during the several sittings of this meeting into a living concern for our advancement in the Truth - and inasmuch as the safety of Ministers and the welfare of the Church very much depends upon it, that the Elders in their respective allotments may be increasingly engaged to dwell deep with the Root & Spring of Divine life in themselves, that so they may have a true sense and understanding of the ground and spring of the Ministry and be rightly qualified to extend seasonable advice caution or encouragement as the case may be, and as the occasion may require. -

And now having been enabled, through a little help from the Sanctuary, as we humbly trust and thankfully acknowledge, to bring the mighty and

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important subjects which have come before us to a satisfactory result - in a measure of the unity of the spirit which remains to be the bond of Peace - we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island in the sixth month next if consistent with the Divine will. —

Thomas B. Gould. Clerk.

From our yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, by adjournments the eleventh and fifteenth of the sixth month 1853.

To friends in Great Britain and Ireland, or where this may come.

Dear Friends:

Our endeared ~~and~~ ancient Friend John Wilbur in an impressive and convincing manner, opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time ~~past~~ rested with much and continued weight upon his mind, again to visit, under the constraining influence of Gospel love, Friends and others, in some parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

This Meeting was brought into much sympathy and tender feeling with him in the prospect of so arduous an engagement, at this advanced period of his life, and after a time of serious and weighty deliberation, believing the sacrifice is called for at his hands - full unity was felt and expressed with him in the concern; and the certificate granted him by South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, held at South Kingstown the 25th of the 4th month 1853, with an endorsement by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held at East Greenwich the 5th of ^{the} 5th month following, were produced and read, and he was encouraged and

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set at liberty to pursue his prospect, as expressed in those certificates, and as best Wisdom may direct.

We also feel an engagement further to inform you, and all whom it may concern, that he is a minister with whom we have unity in the fellowship of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; being sound in word and doctrine - deeply experienced in the school of Christ - long tried in the furnace of affliction for the seeds sown, and, as we believe firmly rooted and established in the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints; - and that his life and conversation are consistent with our Christian profession - manifesting a commendable zeal and an exemplary engagement for the promulgation of the Truth, and for the faithful maintenance of the same.

As such we commend him to your acceptance, and to the care and keeping of the Shepherd of Israel; sincerely and fervently desiring that his mind may continue to be endowed with Heavenly Wisdom - that he may be guided thereby in all his movements purely to the Lord's honor and the promotion of the cause of Truth and righteousness in the Earth: and that, if consistent with the Divine will, when his service amongst you is accomplished, he may be permitted to return to his family, and Friends in this land with the reward of Peace.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the meeting

Thomas B. Gould. Clerk.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on 7th day morning the 10th of 6th mo. 1854.

Accounts being received from the several select Quarterly Meetings as heretofore the names therein named as their representatives to this meeting are; From Rhode Island; — John Wilbur, Daniel Foster, Thomas B. Gould, Eunice Foster and Ruth Wood; — From Salem & Dover, William Hill, Nathan Page, Timothy Barney, Elizabeth Hill, Mary Page and Lois S. Ives; and from Sandwich; — Peleg Clitchell, James Austin, Thomas K. Wilbourn, Mary Davis, Sarah S. Paddock and Judith Swift; — whose names being called they were present except five, and for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was rendered.

The Queries have been read at this time, with the answers received from the above mentioned Quarterly Meetings — and the Clerks were requested to prepare a Summary of the answers and to lay it before a future sitting of this meeting.

Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders having proposed for our consideration, that in future the said meeting should commence at the second hour in the afternoon of the day preceding that in which the Quarterly met at large, is held in the Fifth, and also in the Tenth month, instead of the eleventh hour in the morning as heretofore, and appointed William Hill to lay the proposition before the Yearly Meeting for its decision; this meeting united therewith, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minutes, to be presented to the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas Wilbur, Peleg Clitchell, Henry Gould.

1854. Thomas H. Wilbur, Eunice Foster, Sylvia H. Wilbur,
and Ruth Wood, are appointed to have the oversight
of meetings and they are requested to report to a
future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this sitting and to report the name
of a suitable person to serve as Clerk of this meeting
and one to assist him, to the adjournment.

Adjourned, to the 8th hour in the morning of the
3d day of next week.

Third day morning the 13th of the month
near the eighth hour the meeting assembled.

The names of the representatives being called
they were present except three, and two of those
whose absence at our former sitting was unaccount-
ed for, being now present explained the cause
thereof in a manner that was satisfactory to the
meeting.

Paley Allitchell on behalf of the
representatives, reported, that those who conferred
together were united in proposing Thomas B. Gould
for Clerk and George F. Read for Assistant Clerk
of this meeting; and the names having been separately
introduced & considered the proposition was
united with and the friends were accordingly ap-
pointed to those services for the ensuing year.

Our endeared ancient friend John Wilbur,
returned at this time the certificate granted
him by this meeting last year; and gave a cir-
cumstantial account of his visit to Friends & others
in Great Britain and Ireland: By which it appears
that notwithstanding the opposition of many in that
land, who have imbibed some sentiments & doctrines
totally at variance with the established Principles
of Friends, he was enabled to discharge himself of

the arduous & trying service required at his hands in such manner as the adversaries of truth could not gainsay or wholly resist; that way was opened, by themselves, for him to have an opportunity with a number of the most prominent members of the meeting for sufferings in London, and to lay many things plainly before them in their true light which had been greatly obscured or misrepresented, and that altho' they did, in their official capacity, issue a Circular, and send it abroad through the Kingdom cautioning friends against receiving him as a Minister, &c; and also, repeatedly & openly acknowledged their own disunity with the Doctrines of the early Friends, as well as their unity with the modified & unsound views of doctrine, which have given faith, to Friends every where so much concern; yet that way was afterwards remarkably opened in the minds of many Friends to receive him and the Testimony given him to bear for the truth, and for him to attend most of the meetings in the City of London and its vicinity, & also many others on his way northward towards Scotland; and that having reached Glasgow about the close of the year, he attended that meeting three times; passing from thence over to Ireland & landing at Belfast he attended, Lisburn, Tullinmoat & Clonmell meetings - visiting some Friends at Wakefield and also at some other places; and feeling released from further service on that Island he returned to England, and landing at Bristol, attended their meeting on 6th & also on First day (the 28th of 1st month last) & taking thence held at Bath, Melksham & Reading, on his way, he came to London the third time in the course of this visit, finding more & more openness in the minds of many - even such as had at

1854 first strenuously opposed him to receive him
& the testimony he was called upon to bear in
their meetings. He then visited the meetings held
at Geydon, Southwark, Peel, Stoke Newington and
Birmingham, in several of which he was largely
opened in testimony; but feeling his mind released
from much further service, he proceeded to Bakewell
where he rested several days, and from thence to
Manchester and attended that meeting on first
day, and so to Liverpool, to their week day meet-
ing; from whence he embarked on the 4th of the
3d month last, and after a rough passage of 12
days & 13 hours was, favoured to land in safety
upon our own shore, with the reward of peace,
and having thankfully to acknowledge that it
was the Lord's doing & marvellous in his eyes.
And although our beloved Friend did not feel
drawn to attend any meeting for discipline on
the other side of the water, and through the pre-
sence of unsoundness amongst them - and especially
among those who bear rule would not probably
have received any ^{official} endorsement upon his certifi-
cate if he had done so; yet it appears that
divers Friends ministers, elders overseers & others
both in England & Scotland, did in their individ-
ual, though collective capacity certify in writing
to their unity with his deportment and Gospel Co-
cours amongst them, and also with the time & manner
of his coming; - which Certificates were produced and
read in above Island Quarterly Meeting held at East
Greenwich in the early part of last month, and were
truly satisfactory and encouraging to several Friends who
are now present, but having been accidentally mis-
laid and prevented from getting here nothing of that
sort has been read in this meeting. We do neverthe-
less believe it right for us to acknowledge, and

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that this acknowledgement should stand upon our Records for the encouragement of others who may come after us - that the weight & solemnity which has accompanied the verbal account which has been given us - in much tenderness & brokenness of spirit by our dear aged Friends, with the unquestionable inward evidence afforded us of the reality of the concern, and of the Lord's goodness & mercy in enabling him to accomplish the work whereunto he was sent & also in restoring him to his family & friends at home with the rich reward of peace - has been abundantly sufficient, without any other testimony.

Adjourned to the 8th hour tomorrow morning.

Fourth day morning the 14th of the month met pursuant to adjournment; and the names of the representatives being called they were present, as at our sitting yesterday.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries, produced the following, which has been read, deliberately considered and was directed to be recorded. *Viz*

Ministers and Elders are generally careful to attend meetings for worship & discipline and to encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be generally careful to wait for living ability, and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men; they appear to dwell together in a good degree of unity - generally harmonizing in labour for the honour of Truth. - They endeavour to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness as quakers and appear to be exemplary themselves. - They are concerned for peace in families and in the Church - and to maintain the discipline -

1854 not screening their own families therefrom, and also
to administer justice agreeably to the Query.

The committee charged with the oversight
of meetings reported, at this time, that they had
attended to their appointment and that most of
them had conferred together upon the subject they
were charged with — without further remark. —

Having been permitted at times during
our several sittings to experience something of the
overshadowing of the wing of efficient goodness, and
to dip into feeling one with & for another; under
a sense of the favours and mercies received and
of the need of constant watchfulness unto prayer
we conclude — purposing to meet again on this
Island in the sixth month next, if the Lord
permit.

Thomas B. Gould. Clerk.

1835 At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on 7th day morning, the 9th of the 6th month. 1835

Accounts being received from all our Quarterly Meetings as heretofore, the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting are, from Rhode Island, John Willbur, Othniel Foster, Thomas B. Gould, William Will, Eunice Foster & Ruth Wood; from Salem & Dover, Nathan Page, Mary Page, George F. Read, Timothy Varney & Mary S. Varney; from Sandwich, Peleg Mitchell, Thomas K. Willbur, Stephen Swift, Sylvia R. Willbur, Mary Davis and Smith Swift; whose names being called, they were present, and answered thereto except four, for the absence of whom sufficient & satisfactory reasons were given.

Having at this meeting, the company of our beloved Friends, Chace Burdette and Amos Bathey both of Starksboro Monthly Meeting in the State of Vermont, satisfactory certificates of their being Ministers in unity with said Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, held at Starksboro the 9th of last month;— and also expository of the unity of their Friends at home with their respective prospects of attending this meeting, and of other religious engagements amongst us, were produced and read; their company & gospel services have been truly acceptable to us;

We have also at this meeting the acceptable company of our esteemed Friends, Ezra Bathey & Ruth Bathey, the wife of Amos Bathey, who respectively produced satisfactory minutes from Starksboro Monthly Meeting, expository of their being elders in unity therewith, and of its concurrence of their present prospects amongst us.

Sandwich Select Quarterly Meeting in their account to this meeting, inform, that in the 4th month of last year, that Quarterly Meeting united with the appointment by New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Stephen Swift to the station

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The queries were read at this time, with the answers received from our several Quarterly Meetings; and the clerks were requested to prepare a summary of the answers, and to lay it before a future sitting of this meeting.

Thomas K. Wilbur, Peleg Mitchell, Othniel Foster, Sylvia R. Wilbur are appointed to have the oversight of meetings; and they are desired to give due attention to the service, and to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and to report the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as clerk, and one to assist him for the year ensuing.

It is returned to the 8th hour in the morning of the 4th day of next week.

Fourth Day morning, the 13th of the month, near the 8th hour, the meeting again assembled; the names of the representatives being called, they were present, and answered thereto, except 4; one of the number who was not present at our first sitting, being now with us, and another having returned home, on account of sickness.

Peleg Mitchell reported on behalf of the representatives that most of their number had been together; and were united in proposing Thomas B. Gould for clerk & George F. Rea for assistant clerk to this meeting. The names having been separately introduced and considered, the proposition was united with, and the Friends were accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of the

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answers to the queries produced the following - viz
 Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend meetings
 for worship, and those for discipline, and to encourage such of
 their families to this duty, as are suitable
 Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be generally
 careful to wait for divine ability, and are not brethren some
 The lives & conversation of ministers & elders, appear to be in
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 are in unity, and concerned to labor harmoniously together
 for the honor of truth
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 their families in plainness, as quakers, and to be good examples
 in this respect, themselves.
 They also endeavor to be peacemakers in families, and in the
 church, to maintain the discipline, and to administer
 justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of
 meetings reported that they had paid attention to the
 subject of their appointment, without further remark

Having in both the sittings of this meeting been renewedly
 favored to experience the overshadowing the wing of
 Ancient Goodness, notwithstanding our manifest weakness,
 and exercise, whereby we have been enabled to witness
 a travail of spirit for the strengthening & help of the weak,
 and for the continued preservation of those who have
 attained to much experience authority & growth in the
 truth, and also to bring the subjects which have
 come before us to an instructive & satisfactory result,
 we conclude, proposing to meet again on the 13th, 14th,
 in the 6th month next, if consistent with the Divine
 Will.

Thomas B. Gould, Clerk

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At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Clergy, held at Newport on Rhode Island, for New England, commencing on 7th day morning the 11th of the 6th month, 1856.

Accounts having been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, as heretofore, the Friends therein named as representatives are from Rhode Island; Ethiel Foster, Tom Will Thomas Wilbur, Eunice Foster, Elizabeth Hill & Ruth Wroe; from Salem & Dover, Timothy Barney, Nathan Page Mary Page, Mary T. Barney & George T. Read; from Sandwich; Peleg Mitchell, Thomas H. Wilbur James Austin Mary Macy, Mary Davis and Sarah S. Paddock, whose names being called, they were all present, and answered thereto.

It having pleased the great Head of the Church since our last meeting, to remove from works to reward, our dearly beloved Friend Thomas S. Gould, the former clerk of this meeting, we appoint George T. Read clerk for this time.

Having at this meeting, the company of our beloved Friends, Joseph Tripp & Lydia Hallack of Hester Monthly Meeting, State of New York, and that of David Weston Jr, of Nottingham and the Britain Monthly Meeting, State of Maryland; satisfactory certificates of their being in unity with said Monthly Meetings, and endorsed by their respective Quarterly Meetings, and also expressing the unity of their Friends at home with their ministry and prospect of a religious visit amongst us, were produced and read. Their company & religious service have been ^{fully} acceptable to us. We have also at this time, the ^{acceptable} company of our ^{beloved} Friends

1856 William Taring of Nottingham & Little Britain Monthly Meeting,
State of Maryland, companion to David Histon Jr, and of
Sarah B. Bowerman of Kecks Monthly Meeting, State of New
York, companion to Lydia Hallack, who each produced satisfactory
minutes from their respective meetings, informing us that they
were close in good esteem, and expressions of the unity of
their friends with their present prospect among us.

We appoint Othniel Foster, Peleg Mitchell, William Hill,
Mary Page, Ruth Wood, Sylvia R. Tilton & Catherine
Mitchell to have the oversight of meetings; and they are
desired to pay attention to the service, and report to a
future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at
the close of this meeting, and to propose the name of
a Friend to serve this meeting as clerk, and the
name of one, to serve as assistant clerk.

The queries with the answers thereto received from
our several Quarterly Meetings have been read by us
at this time; and Peleg Mitchell & George F. Reed
are requested to prepare a summary of the answers,
and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourns to the 8th hour in the morning of the
fourth day of next week.

4th day Morning, the 18th of the month, near the 8th hour, the
meeting again assembled.

The names of the representatives, being called, they were all present,
and answered thereto, as at our previous sitting.

Peleg Mitchell, on behalf of the representatives, reported that most
of them had been together, and were united in proposing George

H. Read for Clerk, and Thomas Trelbar for assistant Clerk to this meeting; the names having been separately introduced & considered, were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively, for one year.

The Friend appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, produced the following—

Ministers & Elders are generally careful to attend meetings for worship, and those for discipline, and to encourage such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear generally to be careful to wait for Divine Ability, and are not burdensome.

The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders appears generally to be in good measure clean & blameless amongst men. Most of them are in unity, and concerned to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth. They endeavor generally to rule their own houses well, to bring up their families, in plainness, as queried, and to be good examples in these respects, themselves.

They are generally peacemakers in families and in the church; and concerned to maintain the discipline, and to administer justice faithfully, not screening their own families therefrom.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of meetings reported, that they have attended to their appointment, without further remark.

Having been favored, during this and our previous sitting, with the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness, a solemnity has thereby been produced in our minds, and we have been enabled to transact the business of the meeting, in true harmony and condescension. And although several beloved members of this meeting have, of latter time, been removed from works to rewards,

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yet having in mercy, a comfortable
evidence afforded to us, that our loss is their everlasting gain, we
sorrow not, as those without hope. And as they cannot come to
us, with earnest desire, that through watchfulness unto prayer,
we may be enabled so to live, as to go unto them, this meeting
concludes, purposing to meet again on this Island, if consistent
with the Divine Will.

George F. Read, Clerk

1857 At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, for New England, commencing on 7th day morning, the 13th of the 6th month, 1857

Accounts having been received from all our Quarterly Meetings, as heretofore, the Friends therein named as representatives are, from Rhode Island, Othniel Foster, William Hill, Eunice Foster, and Ruth Hood; from Salem & Dover, Nathan Page, George F. Read and Mary Page; from Sandwich, Peleg Mitchell, Thomas H. Wilbur, Stephen Swift, Mary Davis and Judith Swift, whose names being called, they were all present, and answered thereto, except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

Having at this Meeting, the company of our beloved Friends, David F. Knowles and Semma Knowles, wife of David F. Knowles, both of Canada and members of Peru and Farnum Monthly Meeting, satisfactory certificates of their being in unity with said Monthly Meeting, and endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, and also expressive of the unity of their Friends at home, with their ministry and prospect of a religious visit amongst us, were produced and read; their company and religious exercise have been truly acceptable to us.

We appoint Stephen Swift, William Hill, Othniel Foster, Judith Swift, Mary Page and Eunice Foster, to have the oversight of Meetings; and they are requested to pay attention to the subject, and report to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this Meeting, and propose the name of a Friend, to serve as Clerk, and the name of one, to serve as assistant

Clerk, for the ensuing year

The Queries with the answers thereto, received from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read by us at this time; and Peleg Mitchell and William Hill, are requested to prepare a summary of the answers, and present it to our next sitting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, in their account to this Meeting, inform that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the 7th month last, in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Christopher C. Hussey, with which this Meeting unites.

Adjourned to the 8th hour in the morning of the 4th day of next week.

4th day morning, the 17th of the month, met according to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called, they were all present, ^{except two} as at our previous sitting.

Nathan Page on behalf of the representatives, informed that most of the men representatives had been together and were united in proposing the name of George F. Read for Clerk, and that of William Hill, for assistant Clerk to this Meeting, which being satisfactory to us, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year, or until another appointment.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries produced the following in

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Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, appear to be careful to wait for divine ability, and are not burdensome

The lives & conversation of Ministers & Elders are in a good measure clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and the meeting they belong to, and are concerned to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth.

They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness in dress, language and true moderation, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

They are concerned to be peace makers in families, and in the church and to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of meetings reported that they have attended to their appointment, without further remark.

Having been favored during the sittings of this meeting, with the renewed effusion of Divine Regard, enabling us to transact the business of the meeting, with a good degree of condensation and harmony, with earnest desires, that we may walk worthy of the many favours, which we have received, we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

George F. Read, Clerk

1858 Our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on 7th day morning the 12th of the 6th month 1858

Accounts having been received from all our Quarterly Meetings the Friends therein named as Representatives to this Meeting are from Rhode Island, William Hill, Othniel Foster, Phebe Foster Elizabeth Hill, Catherine Mitchell and Ruth Wood; from Salem, Nathan Page, Timothy Varney, George F. Read Mary S. Varney & Mary Page, from Sandwich, Thomas K. Wilbur, Peleg Mitchell James Austin, Sarah S. Paddock and Judith Swift, whose names being called, they were all present and answered thereto, except two.

Having at this time the company of our beloved Friend, Mead Atwater a member of Hartland's Monthly Meeting of Friends, Magalloway County, State of New York, a satisfactory certificate from said Monthly Meeting, held at Hartland 3mo 17. 1858, and endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at the same place 4mo 21. 1858, expressing of their unity with his ministry, and with his prospect of a religious engagement amongst us, was produced and read. His company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable & satisfactory to us—

We have also at this time the company of our beloved Friend David Weston who produced a satisfactory certificate from Nottingham & Little Britain Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Little Britain, Lancaster Co. ~~Pennsylvania~~ 5mo 7. 1858, and endorsed by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at the same place 5mo 14. 1858, expressing of their unity with his ministry, and his prospect of a religious engagement amongst us—
His company, & ^{gospel labors} ~~religious services~~ have been truly acceptable and satisfactory to us.

We appoint Peleg Mitchell, Wm. Hill, Othniel Foster Mary Page, Ruth Wood and Judith Swift, to have the oversight of Meetings. They are requested to pay attention thereto.

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The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose the name of a Friend, to serve this Meeting, as Clerk, and the name of one to serve it, as assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year

The queries with the answers thereto received from our several Quarterly Meetings have been read by us, at this time and we appoint Peleg Mitchell and Thomas H. Tiltus, to prepare a summary of the answers and present it to our next sitting

Adjourned to the 8th hour in the morning of the fourth day of next week.

4th day morning the 16th of the month, met according to adjournment

The names of the Representatives, being called, they were all present

The Representatives who were not present at our previous sitting, have rendered a satisfactory reason for their absence

Nathan Page, on behalf of the Representatives informed that they were united in proposing the name of George T. Read to serve this Meeting ^{as Clerk} and that of William Tilt for assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, which being satisfactory to us, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year, or until another appointment

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of the answers presented the following:—

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship and to bring their families with them, also to attend meetings for discipline, and to encourage such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise

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of their gifts appear careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders appear to be in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men, ~~and~~ They are in unity one with another, and the meeting they belong to endeavoring to labor together in harmony for the honor of truth. They appear to rule their own houses well, and endeavor to bring up their families in plainness, and are concerned to be good examples therein themselves. They appear to be peace makers in families and in the church, and are concerned to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families, and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the next of meetings informs that they have attended to their appointment, without further remark.

Having been favored during the several sittings of this meeting with a renewed evidence, that the Lord is not wanting to his people in their hour of need, with earnest desires, that we may increasingly know our dependence to be placed alone on Him, who is the author of all our sure mercies, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

George F. Read, Clerk

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At our Yearly Meetings of Ministers & Elders, held at Newport, on Rhode Island, for New-England, commencing on 7th day morning, - the 11th of the 6th month 1859

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, the Friends therein named as Representatives are from Rhode Island, William Hill, Othniel Foster, Phoebe Foster and John Foster; from Salem, Nathan Page, Mary Page & George F. Read; from Sandwich, Peleg Mitchell, Thomas K. Wilbur; James Austin, Judith Swift and Alice Wilbur, who were all present, except one.

The queries with the answers thereto received from our Quarterly Meetings have been read by us at this time, and we appoint Peleg Mitchell and James Austin to prepare a summary of the answers and present it to our next sitting.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting in its account to this Meeting, informs that they united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the 12th month last, in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministry of Narcissa B. Coffin, and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Alice Wilbur to the station of an Elder.

We appoint James Austin, George F. Read, Mary Page and Ruth Wood to have the oversight of Meetings, and they are requested to pay attention to the subject, and report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting, as clerk, and the name of one to serve the same as assistant clerk, for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet again, at the 8th hour in the morning of the 4th day of next week.

Met on 4th day morning the 15th of the month, according to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present.

The Representative absent at our last sitting rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence.

Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives informed that most of them had been together, and were united in proposing the name of George F. Rees to serve this Meeting as Clerk, and that of William Hill for Assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year; which being satisfactory to us, they are ~~accepted~~ accordingly appointed to those services for one year, or until another appointment.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries presented the following:— viz

Ministers & Elders are careful to attend Meetings for Divine worship and those for Discipline, and to encourage such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and the meeting they belong to, and endeavor to labor together in harmony for the honor of truth. They endeavor to rule their own house well; and to bring up their families in plainness, and are concerned to be good examples therein themselves. They appear to be peacemakers in families and in the church, and are concerned to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of Meetings, informs that they have attended to their appointment, without further remark.

Having been ~~at~~ enabled during our several sittings, to transact

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The business of the meeting, with a good degree of consensus
and harmony, and also with much pertinent counsel from divers
exercised Friends, with earnest desires that we may profit thereby,
and become increasingly exercised for the welfare and prosperity
of the ever blessed truth, we conclude, proposing to meet
again on this Island, at the usual time next year, if the
Lord permit.

George F. Read, Clerk.

1860 Annual Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, held at Newport
in New England, commencing on 7th day morning, the 9th of the
5th month, 1860.

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings
the Representatives therein named, are from Rhode Island, Ebenezer
Foster, John Foster and Shubel Foster; from Salem, Nathaniel Sage,
Am. Hall, Geo. T. Keen, Mary S. Harvey & Mary Page; from
Lancaster, Peleg Mitchell, James Austin, Thomas H. Trollope,
Narcissa B. Liffen and Mary Ann Taker, who are all
present.

Having at this time the company of our beloved Friend
Caleb Gregg, a member of our Monthly Meeting of Friends,
from, a satisfactory certificate from our Meeting, held
4 mo 21. 1860, and one from Salem Quarterly Meeting
of Friends held at Salem in the same state, 4 mo 27. 1860,
both expressions of their unity with his ministry, and
of his prospect of a religious engagement to assist
us were produced and read. His company and
gospel labors have been satisfactory to us.

We have also at this time, the company of our
beloved Friend, Thomas Lamborn, who produces a
satisfactory ^{certificate} from Nottingham & Little Britain
Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5 mo. 11. 1860,
and one from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting
of Friends, held at Little Britain Lancaster Co.
Pa, both expressions of their unity with his
ministry and prospect of religious service among
us. His company & gospel labors have been sat-
isfactory to us.

The queries with the answers thereto received from
our Quarterly Meetings have been read by us at
this time, and the appoint Peleg Mitchell & Thomas

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K. Hillier to prepare a summary of the answers now present it to our next sitting.

The appoint James Austin, Tom Hill, Mary Page & Mary Ann Baker to have the oversight of meetings, and they are requested to pay attention to the subject, and to report to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose the name of a Friend to serve this meeting ^{as clerk}, and one to serve as assistant clerk for the ensuing year. Adjourned to meet again at the 8th hour in the morning of the 4th day of next week 4th day morning the 13th of the month, met according to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives, being called, they were all present, as at our previous sitting.

Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives, informed that a part of them had been together, and were united in proposing the appointment of George F. Read as clerk ^{to this meeting} for the ensuing year, and Tom Hill, as assistant clerk for the same time, which being ~~so~~ satisfactory to us, they are accordingly appointed to those services for one year or until another appointment.

The Friend appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries, presented the following viz

Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine Worship, and are concerned to bring their families with them. They also attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in

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the exercise of their gifts, appear to be careful to wait for Divine ability, and are preserved from being burthensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers, & Elders, appear to be in a good degree clean & blameless amongst men, and they appear to be in unity one with another, and the Meeting they belong to, and they endeavor to harmonize in labor for the honor of truth. They endeavor to rule their own homes well, to bring up their families in plainness, and true moderation, according to the query, and to be good examples in these respects themselves.

They are endeavoring to be peacemakers in families and in the church, and are in good measure concerned to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefore, and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of Meetings, informs that they have attended to their appointment, but have no further remark to make.

Information has been received that Mary Ann Taker has been appointed to the station of an elder, although the notice of her appointment was unintentionally omitted in the account from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Having been favored at times, notwithstanding our great unworthiness to receive a little help from the true Sanctuary, and also with some living and instructive testimonies from divers exercised Friends amongst us, with earnest desires, that we may walk worthy of the many favors which we have received, this Meeting concludes purposing to meet again on this Island, at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

George F. Reed, Clerk

1861

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England,
commencing on 7th day the 15th of the 6 month 1861.

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings
the Representatives therein named are from Rhode Island,
Othniel Foster, John Foster and Thelie Foster; from Salem,
Nathan Page, Mary Page, George F. Reed and William
Hill; from Sandwich, Peleg Mitchell, James Austin,
Thos. K. Tilton, Alice Tilton, Mary Ann Tilton and
Lucretia Swift, who are all present, but one.

Having at this time the company of our beloved
Friend, Joseph H. D. Battey, a member of Scipio
Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of New York, a satisfactory
certificate from said Meeting, expressive of their
unity with him, as a minister, and with his
prospects of a religious engagements amongst
us was produced and read. His company
and gospel labors have been satisfactory to most
of us.

We have also at this time, the company of
our beloved Friend, James D. Otis, an elder of the
same meeting and companion to our Friend
Joseph H. D. Battey, who produced a certificate
from his Friends, ^{expressive} of their unity with him in
his concern. His company has been acceptable
to most of us.

The ^{queries} with the answers thereto received from our
Quarterly Meetings have been read by us at this
time, and we appoint James Austin and Peleg
Mitchell to prepare a summary of the answers to
the queries, and to present it to our next sitting.

We appoint Peleg Mitchell, George F. Reed, Mary
Page and Mary Chase to have the oversight of

1861 Meetings; and they are requested to pay attention to the subject, and to report to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as clerk, and the name of one to serve as assistant clerk, for the year ensuing.

Adjourned to meet again at the 8th hour of the 4th day of next week.

4th day morning the 19th of the month, met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present but one, as at our previous sitting.

Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives, ^{informs} that a part of them were together and were united in proposing the name of George D. Read for clerk to this Meeting for the ensuing year, and that of James Austin as assistant clerk for the same time, which being satisfactory to us they are accordingly ^{appointed} to those services for one year, or until another appointment.

The Committee appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries presented the following; viz.

Ministers & Elders are careful to attend their meetings, for Divine worship, and those for discipline; and to encourage such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for divine ability, and are not burthensome.

The lives & conversations of Ministers & Elders appear to be in a good measure clean and blameless amongst men.

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They are in unity with another, and with the meeting they belong to, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of Truth.

They are concerned to rule their own houses well, to bring up their families in plainness of dress, language and true moderation, ~~and~~ to be exemplary themselves.

They endeavor to be peace makers in families and in the church, and are in a good degree concerned to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of Meetings informs that they have attended to their appointment, but have no further remark to make.

Although we feel that there is much cause for mourning on account of our low estate, yet having been favored at times with a renewal of holy help, ~~for~~ our strength and encouragement, and also with most instructive testimonies from Friends who appear to be exercised for the ^{prosperity} ~~welfare~~ of the ever blessed truth, this meeting now concludes, purposing to meet again on ~~this~~ Island, next year, if the Lord permit.

George F. Read Clerk

1862

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England,
held at Newport commencing on 7th day morning, the 14th of the 6th
month 1862

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meeting the
Representatives therein named to this Meeting are from
Rhode Island, Othmer Foster, John Foster & Phebe Foster; from
Salem, Nathan Pae, Man, Page, George F. Read and Mary
S. Varney; from Sandwich, Peleg Mitchell, Mrs. H. Tilton
Stephen Swift, Sarah S. Paddock, Alice Tibbels and Mary
Ann Taker, who are all present but two, for the absence of one
whom a satisfactory reason is given.

The queries with the answers thereto received from our
Quarterly Meetings have been read by us at this time,
and we appoint Peleg Mitchell and James Austin
to ~~prepare a summary~~ of the answers and to present
it at our next sitting.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in
its account to this Meeting informs that the Select
Preparative Meetings of Rhode Island and Swansea have
become so reduced by death, that there is but one
member of each, and therefore they have ceased to
be Meetings.

Sandwich Select Quarterly Meeting also informs
that they united in the 4th month last year, with
Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of
Mary J. Austin to the station of an Elder.

We appoint James Austin Stephen Swift, Mary Pae & Sarah
S. Paddock, to have the oversight of Meetings, and
they are requested to pay attention to the subject, and
report to a future sitting.

1862 The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and to propose the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as Clerk, and ^{the} name of one to serve as assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet again at the ^{hour} 8th of 4th Day morning of next week.

4th Day morning. The 18th of the month, met according to adjournment.

The names of the Representatives being called, they were all present, and answered thereto, except one.

Nathan Page on behalf of the Representatives informs that most of them have been together and were united in proposing the name of George F. Reed for Clerk, and that of James Austin for assistant Clerk to this Meeting. ~~for one year~~ ^{which} being satisfactory to us, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for one year.

The Committee appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries presented the following viz.

Ministers & Elders are careful to attend Meetings for Divine Worship and those for discipline, and to encourage such of their families to this duty, as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for Divine Ability, and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers & Elders appear to be in good measure clean & blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the Meeting they belong to; and appear concerned to labor harmoniously together for the honor of truth. They endeavor to rule their own houses well bringing up their families in plainness, as Truth requires and are exemplary themselves in these respects. They appear to be peacemakers in families and in the

1862 Church, and to be concerned to maintain the Discipline, not screening
their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

One of the Friends appointed to have the oversight of Meetings, informs
that they have attended to their appointment, but have no further
remark to make.

There being no further business, present at this time, the Meeting
under a humble sense of our manifold weaknesses & infirmities
now concludes, purposing to meet again on this Island, next year
if the Lord permit

George F. Reed Clerk

1863

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, for New England, held at
at Newport, commencing on the day morning, the 13th of the 6th month. 1863

By the accounts received from our Quarterly Meetings, the Representatives
therein named to this Meeting are from Rhode Island, Othniel Foster,
John Foster & Phoebe Foster; from Salem, Nathan Page, Mr. Hale, George
F. Read, Mary Page & Mary M. Gore; from Sandwich, James Austin,
Peleg Mitchell & Mary Ann Taber, who are all present.

Having at this time, the company of our beloved Friend, Lydia D. Meader, a
member of Susio Monthly Meeting of Friends, State of New York, a satisfactory
certificate from said Meeting, expressive of their unity with her, as a
minister, and with her prospects of a religious engagement amongst us,
was produced and read. Her company and gospel labors have been satis-
fying to us.

The queries together with the answers, received from our Quarterly
Meetings have been read by us at this time and ~~the clerk~~
we appoint Peleg Mitchell and James Austin
to prepare a summary of the answers, and to present it to our
next Meeting.

We appoint James Austin, Peleg Mitchell, Mary Austin and Mary Page
to have the oversight of Meetings, and they are requested to
pay attention to the subject, and to report to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together at the close of
this sitting, and to propose the name of suitable Friend, to
serve this Meeting as Clerk & Assistant Clerk for the en-
suing year.

Adjourned to the 5th hour of 4th day morning of next week

1863

On the day of the meeting, the 1st of July, 1863, the time being
 10 o'clock, the meeting assembled.

The names of the representatives being called, they appeared
 with the exception of six.

One of the representatives informed that they met at the
 place of the last sitting and considered the progress of the meeting, the
 arrangements of the house, the committee, the time, the place, the
 and found nothing to be desired. They then appointed a
 standing committee to be with them immediately, and to
 themselves from the meeting, and to be present at the meeting
 at the next meeting, and to be present at the meeting
 at the same time.

The Committee that was appointed to prepare a summary of
 the answers to the queries have agreed to make a report to the
 committee at the next meeting, and to be present at the meeting
 at the same time.

The committee appointed to be present at the meeting
 at the next meeting, and to be present at the meeting
 at the same time.

There appearing no further business to come before us at this
 time, we adjourned, promising to meet again at the same place
 at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Thos. H. Miller Clerk.

1864 at our home under the direction and control of a
crew out on Rhode Island for New England, commencing 7th day
morning the 11th of 6th month 1864.

Accounts being received from our several Quarterly Meetings
- as last year, The friends therein named to attend this meeting
are as representatives are, from Salem and Dover William Hall and Mary S. Varney, from
Sandwich Thos H. Wilbur, Stephen Swift, Judith Swift and Alice
Wilbur, whose names being called, they were all present.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting Ministers and Elders
in ours in its account this meeting that they are united
with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment
of a new Elder, Charles Perry and E. G. Smith to the Station
of Elder.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Quar-
terly Meetings have been read, and Wm Hall and Wm Hall
are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers and present
it to our next sitting.

We are informed that one select preparative Meeting belonging
to Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting and one belonging to a
Quarter failed to send accounts to their meetings, consequently no
reference is had to the members thereof in the answers to the queries.

We appoint Wm Hall, Stephen Swift, Judith Swift and Alice
Wilbur to have the accounts of meetings and we are requested
to meet at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at
this meeting in order to conclude upon names to propose to our next
meeting for Clerk and assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

Adjourned, to meet on 4th day morning of next week at
8 o'clock.

1864

Fourth day morning the 15th friends again met, casual and tardy.

The names of the representatives being called, they are all present.

One of the representatives informed that he, upon the names
submitted, selected ^{the} following for assistant clerk, and names
were shortly considered, and he, was also appointed to
serve respectively for the coming year.

The Committee appointed a committee to inquire and answer the queries have presented the following viz - which was read and considered and is directed to be entered in the minutes. Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship when called with families, and to have their families with them, and are diligent to attend meetings for discipline, encouragement, and to bring their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers, in the exercise of their office are, as before, careful to act with wisdom, ability, and moderation. There was an communion of ministers and elders in the town and several churches and families, common to them, and unity one with another and the meetings have been held as usual. The members in attending for the service of God, seek to improve in their own houses well, and to bring up their families in piety, industry, language and true moderation, and to be exemplary themselves. They endeavour to be peace-makers in families and in the church, are concerned to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice to the church.

it, wither indeed coming to you at this time, with
our unworthiness, yet not without a sense of the favours that have
been exchanged in during this our winter absence, & our
desire to meet again at the season time to be, than yet your
in the meantime.

The K. Miller Co.

1865. The first section of the new line
was at once laid in the old channel, the
navigation on seventh day morning in 1865. The line.

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The Minutes were read and found correct. The minutes of the last meeting were read and found correct. The minutes of the last meeting were read and found correct.

1865. A more serious respecting the society also.

The Services furnished and rendered by me and the
School during the month of October, 1901.

The committee assembled at two o'clock sitting upon
a small group of benches in the middle hall presented
the following, which is satisfactory and which is
directed to enter it as a record.

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The Committee are inclined to maintain or resist the same
little or our year, either, which, but in that day, a number
the individuals in the same position are now in a number
of cases with them interested in various matters and
and dissatisfaction of friends

And it seems there has been a watchful eye over us
in your action and record which calls for feelings
of gratitude and encouragement. we conclude proposing
to meet again next year on this Island if so permitted

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Thos. K. Wilbur Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Soldiers held at
Newport on Rhode Island for New England commencing on
Seventh day the 9th of 6th mo 1866

The accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich
Quarterly Meetings have been received, the friends therein
named as representatives to this meeting are, from Rhode
Island Ethan Foster, Phebe Foster and Charles Perry. from
Sandwich, Thos. K. Wilbur, Alice Wilbur and Judith Swift,
whose names being called, they are all present.

By information received from some members of
Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting they failed to hold a
Quarterly Meeting on account of the removal of some and
the sickness of others.

The Queries have been read and answers
thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
considered which were thought to represent their present
state, and Ethan Foster and Thos. K. Wilbur are appointed to
prepare a summary and present it to our next sitting.

We appoint Charles Perry, William Hill, Alice
Wilbur and Eliza G. Sheffield to have an oversight of the
several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report to a
future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this meeting in order to conclude upon na-
mes that they may think suitable to serve the meeting as
Clerk and assistant Clerk, and report to our next
sitting

Adjourned to meet at this place on the fourth
day of next week at 8 o'clock in the morning

minutes.

The names of the associational members
are all present.

Charles, Perry on behalf of the rep

For clerk of this meeting, and
for assistant clerk, which were

The association, introduced our last singing.

A summary of

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1867 At our yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England, commencing on 7th day the 15th of 6th month 1867

The accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meetings have been received - the friends therein named as representatives to this meeting are, from Rhode Island Ethan Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield Sandwich Thomas K. Wilbur Stephen Swift Alice Wilbur and Judith Swift, whose names being called they are all present.

By information received it appears that Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting has not been held on account of the small number of members there.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings as descriptions of the present state of those meetings, and Charles Turey Ethan Foster and Tho. K. Wilbur are appointed to prepare a summary and present it to our next sitting.

We appoint William Hill, Charles Turey Judith Swift and Eliza G. Sheffield to have the oversight of the several sittings of the yearly meeting and report to a future sitting.

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The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting and conclude upon names that they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet at this place on the 4th day of next week at Eight O'clock in the morning.

Fourth day morning the 19th. Met pursuant to adjournment - the names of the representatives being called they are all present.

Thomas M. Wilbur, on behalf of the representatives reports that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Enoch Foster for clerk of this meeting and William Hill for assistant clerk, which being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations, respectively, for the year ensuing.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to enter it on record.

"Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship taking their families with them, also those for disceptation, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers, in the exercise of their gift are we believe careful to wait for Divine ability and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of our members appear to be in good measure clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and both the meetings they belong to endeavoring to labor together in harmony for the honor of truth. We think they endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in plainness in dress language and true moderation and to be exemplary themselves. They are we believe peace-makers in families and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain the

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discipline without screening their own families there from and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting report that on first day, a number of individuals who withdrew from our meeting in 1863 with some of their associates from abroad again intended themselves to the dissatisfaction and annoyance of Friends - nothing further was noticed calling for remark.

A concern for the appointment of a committee to visit the Quarterly and monthly meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting as was many times, for the encouragement and strengthening of the members, particularly in regard to the maintenance and right administration of the discipline having been introduced at this time, and the subject claiming the solid and weighty consecration of the meeting it was united with, and William Hill, Thomas H. Wilbur, Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, Mary Varney, Phoebe Foster, Judith Swift, and Alice Wilburan appointed a committee for this purpose and requested to report to the meeting next year.

Having concluded the business that has come before us at this time, with feelings of unworthiness, and not we trust without a humbling sense of the favors which have been vouchsafed us during this our annual assembly, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1868

Our yearly meeting of ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England commencing on 7th day the 13th of 6th month 1868

Accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have been received - the Friends therein named as representatives to this meeting are, from Rhode Island Ethan Foster Phoebe Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield - Sandwich Thomas K. Wilbur Stephen Swift, Alice Wilbur and Judith Swift, whose names being called they are present except three, for the absence of two of whom satisfactory reasons were rendered

By information received it appears that Salem and Dover Quarterly Meeting has not been held on account of the small number of members there.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings; and Ethan Foster, William Hill, and Thomas K. Wilbur are appointed to prepare a summary thereof and present to our next sitting

We appoint William Hill Thomas K. Wilbur and Alice Wilbur a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting, and conclude upon names that they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next sitting

Adjourned to meet again at this place on 14th day of next week at eight o'clock in the morning.

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Fourth day morning the 17th met according to adjournment - The names of the representatives being called they are all present except two

Thomas K. Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informs that those in attendance have conferred together and agreed in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk of this meeting, and William Hill for assistant clerk, which being separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed last year to visit subordinate meetings presented the following report, which is accepted and directed to be recorded,

"The committee appointed last year to visit the Quarterly and Monthly meetings within the limits of this Yearly Meeting as way may open, report that some of their number have visited each of the Quarterly and some of the Monthly Meetings, and attended such care, and given such advice as way opened for; and although they cannot say that they have done much, or that they can promise much by way of results, yet a hope is still cherished that their labors have not been altogether in vain; and that low as the state of things amongst us is, and discouraging as the prospect appears, they are encouraged still to trust that as patience is abode in and obedience yielded to manifested duty, some fruits may yet in due season appear, and a way be made for this little remnant when as to outward observation there appears to be no way"

On behalf of the Committee. { Thomas K. Wilbur
Phoebe Foster
Newport 6th month 16th 1868

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to enter the same on record.

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It appears that ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship taking their families with them, and also those for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of ministers and elders are, so far as appears, clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to laboring harmoniously together for truth's honor. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in plainness in dress, language and time moderation, as also to be good examples in these respects themselves. They are so far as appears peace makers in families and in the church - careful to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of our Yearly Meeting report that on first day a number of individuals of the same class alluded to in our former minutes, again intruded themselves to the discomfort and annoyance of the rightly exercised amongst us.

Having accomplished the business that has come before us in much unity and harmony evidencing that the Shepherd of Israel is still mindful of us, poor and unworthy as we are, we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine will.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1869

At our yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England commencing on 7th day the 12th of 6th month 1869

Accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have been received. The friends there in number as representatives to this meeting are - From Rhode Island - Ethem Foster, Charles Perry and Mabel Foster - Sandwich, Thomas R. Wilbur and Alice Wilbur, whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

By information received it appears that Salem and Dover District Quarterly Meeting has not been held on account of the small number of members there.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, and Ethem Foster, Thomas R. Wilbur and William Hall, are appointed to prepare a summary thereof, and present to our next sitting.

We appoint Ethem Foster, Thomas R. Wilbur and Alice Wilbur a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting and conclude upon the names of friends that they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on 4th day of next week at eight O'clock in the morning.

Fourth day morning the 16th met according to adjournment - the names of the representatives being called they are present as at our first sitting.

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Thomas H. Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing Edean Foster for clerk of this meeting, and William Hill for assistant clerk, which being separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to enter the same on record.

It appears from the answers that ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship taking their families with them. They also diligently attend meetings for discipline, and encourage such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Such as exercise a gift in the ministry appear to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of ministers and elders appear to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and with the meeting they belong to, laboring together in harmony for truth shown. We believe they rule their own houses well, and endeavor to bring up their families in plainness and moderation, and that they are good examples in these respects themselves. They are so far as appears peace-makers in families and in the church endeavoring to maintain the discipline, not sparing their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

This meeting is informed by one of the representatives of Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting that that meeting has united with Providence monthly meeting in the appointment of Miller Chace to the station of an elder.

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The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that on first day the meeting was disturbed by the intrusion of a number of persons of the class alluded to in our minutes of the last & several preceding years.

Having accomplished the business that has come before us, which we have been proud to do in harmony and brotherly concension— with feelings of gratitude for the favors extended amid our many trials and in our ~~weak~~ low and weak constitution we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Ethan Foster. Clerk

Our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders will
at Newport on Rhode Island for New England com-
mencing 7th day the 11th of 6th month 1870

Accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly
meetings have been received - the friends therein named
as representatives to this meeting are; from Rhode Island
Ethan Foster & Eliza G. Sheffield and Phoebe Foster -
Sandwich - Thomas R. Wilbur and Alice Wilbur, whose
names being called they are all present except one, for
whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

By information received it still appears that
Salem and Dover Select Quarterly Meeting has not
been held on account of insufficiency of members.

This meeting is informed by one of the representa-
tives of Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting that
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with
South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in approving the gift
and public appearances in the ministry of John W.
Foster.

The Minutes have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quar-
terly Meetings, and Ethan Foster, John W. Foster and William
Hill are appointed to prepare a summary thereof and pre-
sent to a future sitting.

We appoint ^{Phoebe} Ethan Foster, Thomas R. Wilbur and
Eliza G. Sheffield a committee to have the oversight of the
several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report to a future
sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this meeting and conclude upon the names
of friends that they may think suitable to serve the meeting
as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next
sitting.

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Adjourned to meet again at this place on 4th day of next week at eight o'clock in the morning

Fourth day morning the 16th, met pursuant to adjournment. The names of the representatives being called they were present as at our first sitting. -

Thomas R. Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informs that ~~they~~ have conferred together, and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk of this meeting, and William Hill for assistant clerk, which being separately considered were united with and they are accordingly appointed to these stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following which is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Ministers, and Elders, appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship taking their families with them - also to diligently attend meetings for discipline encouraging each of their families to this duty as are suitable. Those who are engaged in the line of the ministry are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of our members appear to be in good measure clean and blameless amongst men - they are in unity one with another and with the meetings they belong to, laboring together in harmony for truth's honor. It appears that they rule their own houses well, and endeavor to bring up their families in plainness and moderation and to be good examples in these respects themselves. They are so far as appears peace makers in families and in the church endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

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The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended to their appointment and noticed nothing calling for remark, save the intrusion on first day of a number of those persons who withdrew from us some years since, to whom allusion has been made in our former minutes and who again disturbed the meeting as heretofore.

Having finished the business that has come before us in harmony and brotherly love, and under a renewed belief that the Lord remains to be mindful of his people and that those who are concerned to serve him and work righteousness are still accepted with him, with earnest desires that we may not faint under weakness and discouragement, but seek to know our dependence to be upon Him who remains to be to those who trust in him strength in weakness and a present helper in every needful time we conclude, purposing to meet again on this Island in the 6th month next if so permitted.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1871

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England
commencing 7th day the 10th of 6th Month 1871

Accounts from Rhode Island and Sandwich
Quarterly meetings have been received. - The Friends
therein named for representatives to this meeting are
from Rhode Island John T. Kenyon, Ethan Foster
~~and~~ Phoebe Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield - Sandwich
Thomas K. Wilbur and Alice Wilbur, whose names
being called they are all present except one

By information received it still appears that Salem
and Dover Select Quarterly Meeting has not been held on
account of the small number of members there.

This Meeting is informed by one of the representatives
of Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting that Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence
Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John T. Kenyon
to the station of an Elder.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly
Meetings, and John W. Foster and Ethan Foster
are appointed to prepare a summary thereof and present
to a future sitting.

We appoint Thomas K. Wilbur Ethan Foster
Alice Wilbur and Eliza G. Sheffield a committee
to have the oversight of the several sellings of their
Yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this meeting, and conclude upon
the names of Friends whom they may think suitable
to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and
report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on 4th day
of next week at eight O'clock in the morning

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Fourth day morning the 14th met pursuant to adjournment - The names of the representatives being called, they were all present except one, for whom absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Thomas K. Wilbur on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Edwin Foster for clerk of this meeting, and William Bell for assistant clerk which nominations being separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following, which is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

It appears from the answers to the queries that ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, taking their families with them; also to attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are, we think careful to wait for divine ability and are not burthensome. The lives and conversation of our members are in good measure clean and blameless amongst men - They are in unity one with another, and with the meeting, they belong to harmoniously laboring together for God's honor. We believe they endeavor to rule their own houses well - to bring up their families in plainness and moderation as truth requires, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves. They endeavor to be peace makers in families and in the church - to maintain the discipline, not screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

1871

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and are pained to have again to report the intrusion on first day of a number of those persons who having withdrawn from us still continue to disturb our meetings.

Having been favored to finish the business that has come before us in harmony and brotherly love during the transaction of which, while bowed down under a sense of our many weaknesses and short comings as well as the fewness of our numbers, yet a comforting evidence has at times been felt that we are not utterly forsaken, but that the Lord still continues to be mindful of us, poor and weak as we are, under which feelings we conclude purposing to meet again on this island in the 6th month of next year if so permitted.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1872

At our yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England commencing on the 15th of 11th month 1872

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received - the friends therein named as representatives to this meeting are John Thompson, Charles Perry, Ebenezer J. Smith, and Ebenezer Foster, whose names were called they are all present.

By information received it appears that the annual and (over and under) ^{yearly} Quarterly Meetings have not been held on account of the number of members in each being so small, and the feeble health of some.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings and Ethan Foster and William Hill are appointed to prepare a summary thereof and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

We appoint Charles Perry, John Thompson, Ebenezer J. Smith and Ethan Foster a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Synod meeting, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting and report upon the names of friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day of next week at eight o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 18th met according to adjournment - the minutes of the previous meeting being called they were all present and answered thereto.

... it seems as though the representatives of the
 at their own convenience and are under no pressing
 business with and the same is the assistant
 his speaking, with a commission to visit and
 and as a matter of fact, and there are additional
 appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing
 year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting
 to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have
 presented the following which being read is satisfactory and
 the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

It appears from the answers to the queries that ministers
 and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine
 worship taking their families with them. At these
 meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families
 to this duty as are capable. — Ministers in the exercise of
 their gifts are careful to keep a watchful eye on their
 families and are very successful in saving souls. The
 lives and conversation of ministers and Elders appear to be
 pure and blameless as ought to be; they are united
 with another and with the meetings they belong to, endeavor
 ing to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth.
 They apparently endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to
 be of their families in the same manner as the people
 in dress, language and tone moderation, and are believed to be
 good examples herein themselves. They are reported as peace
 loving in families and in the church — as endeavoring to main-
 tain the discipline without screening their own families there-
 from and as being committed to maintain justice in all the
 courts.

The committee also report that the members of the
 church are very diligent in the exercise of the various duties of
 the yearly collecting reports that they have endeavored to be
 to their appointment, and that the relations between the
 good and harmonious, but that the

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were greatly disturbed by the necessary communications and caution
 spirit of some of those who several weeks since, withdrew from
 us; especially the sitting in the afternoon.

being concluded the business that has come before us.
 "Ministry" and brotherly exhortations, notwithstanding the dis-
 arrangements with which we continue to be surrounded and
 the weakness of the people, yet feeling a little assured
 that the divine hand is still stretched out towards us, thank
 for favors past, and humbly trusting that we may be enabled
 to live that Word may not be entirely withheld in the
 future. and, perhaps to meet again in this place
 next year if so permitted. Ethan Foster Clerk

1873

At our yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
 held at Newport on Rhode Island for New England
 commencing on 7th day the 14th of 6th month
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No account from Rhode Island Select
 Quarterly Meeting being present we adjourn
 to meet again at two O'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met pursuant to adjournment

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meet-
 ing has been received, by which it appears that
 the following named Friends have been appointed
 representatives to this meeting, John T. Kenyon
 John W. Foster, Phoebe Foster and Eliza C. Sheffield
 whose names being called they are all present
 except ours, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was
 given.

By information received it appears that Salem
 & Dover, and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have not
 been held for the reasons heretofore given.

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The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Charles Perry and William Hill are appointed to prepare a Summary thereof, and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

We appoint John T. Kenyon Wm Hill ~~and~~ Alice Wilbur and Eliza G. Sheffield a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting, and conclude upon the names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day of next week at eight o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 17th met according to adjournment; the names of the representatives being called, they were present and answered thereto as at our first sitting except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

John T. Kenyon on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Estlin Foster for clerk, and William Hill for assistant clerk of this meeting, which nominations being separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the year ensuing.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following which being read is satisfactory and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, with their families; also to attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers appear to be careful in the exercise of their gifts to wait for divine ability, and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of ministers and Elders appear to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another, and with the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for Truths honor. They endeavor to rule their own families well, and to bring up their under their care in the plainness which Truth requires, and are exemplary in these respects themselves. They are peacemakers in families and in the church - careful to maintain the discipline not screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice faithfully.

William Hill on behalf of the committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting reports that they have attended to their appointment, and that the public meetings on first day were disturbed by the answering communications of those to whom allusion has been made in our minutes for several years past - otherwise nothing was noticed calling for remark.

This meeting is informed by one of the representatives of Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting, that that meeting has written with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, and Rhode Island Quarterly meeting in approving the gift and public appearances in the ministries of Ethan Foster.

Having concluded the business that has come before us in harmony and brotherly condescension - with feelings of thankfulness for the favors received, in our weak and discouraging condition, we conclude, purposing to meet again on this island at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1874
At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island
13th of 6th month 1874.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting has been received, by which it appears that the
following named friends have been appointed to attend
this meeting as representatives: John T. Kenyon, Ethan
Foster, Phebe Foster, and Eliza G. Sheffield whose
names being called they are all present.

By information received it appears that Salem
and Dover, and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings have not
been held, on account of a want of the requisite number
of members, as stated in former accounts.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with
answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and
Ethan Foster and William Hill are appointed a com-
mittee to prepare a summary thereof, and present to a fu-
ture sitting of this meeting.

We appoint John T. Kenyon, William Hill
Alice Wilbur, and Eliza G. Sheffield a committee
to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly
Meeting, and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer togeth-
er at the close of this meeting, and conclude upon the
names of friends whom they may think suitable to
serve the meeting as clerk and assistant, and report
to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on
third day of next week at eight O'clock in the
morning.

Third day morning the 16th met
pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called
they were present and answered thereto as at our first
sitting.

1874. John T. Kenyon on behalf of the representatives reports that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing Etham Foster for clerk, and William Hill for assistant clerk of this meeting, which nominations being separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries have presented the following, which being read is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

"It appears from the answers to the Queries that ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, taking their families with them - that they diligently attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear to be careful to wait for divine ability, and thus preserved from being burdensome. In their lives and conversation they appear to be clean and blameless amongst men - to be in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth. They endeavor to rule their own houses well, - to bring up their families in ^{the} plainness which truth requires in dress, language, and true moderation; and are good examples in these respects themselves. They are peace-makers in families and in the church endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

William Hill on behalf of the committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the sittings of the Yearly Meeting reports that they have attended to their appointment; and that the public meetings on first day were greatly disturbed by the unreasonable and unbecoming communications of those persons who some years since withdrew from us, to whom allusion has heretofore been made.

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Having been favored to accomplish the business that has come before us in harmony, and to a good degree of satisfaction, with feelings of thankfulness for the favors vouchsafed we conclude proposing to meet again on this island at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Edgar Foster Clerk

1875

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing 12th of 6th Month 1875.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives; John I. Kingon, John W. Foster, Charles Perry and Phoebe Foster, whose names having been called they are all present.

By information received it appears that Salem and Dover, and Sandwich Select Quarterly Meetings have not been held on account, of the small number of members in each.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Charles Perry and John W. Foster, are appointed a committee to prepare a summary thereof and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Caleb Gregg, a minister of our society of Spinigville Linn County Iowa.

We appoint Charles Perry, William Bell, Eliza G. Sheffield, and Alice Wilbur a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this meeting, and conclude upon the names of friends whom they may think suitable to serve the

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meeting as clerk and assistant and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day of next week at eight o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 15th Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives being called they were present and answered thereto as at our first sitting.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk, and William Hill for assistant clerk of this meeting, which nominations having been separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being read is satisfactory, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, generally taking their families with them, also to attend meetings for discipline, encouraging to this duty such of their families as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts endeavor to wait for divine ability, thus to be preserved from being burdensome. —

The lives and conversation of members of this meeting are believed to be in a good degree clean and blameless among men — they are in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, and endeavor to labor harmoniously together for Truth's honor. — They have a concern to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires, though greater labor and divine guidance it is believed would be productive of

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good results. - they appear to be exemplary in these respects themselves. - They are peace makers in families and in the Church, mostly careful to maintain the discipline, and not to screen their own families the reform

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that the business meetings have been held to a good degree of satisfaction and comfort, but that those for worship on first day were again intruded upon by some who have continued the same in years past, since they with drew from us, yet even under these sorrowful circumstances it is felt to be cause for rejoicing, that during portions of the time solemnity seemed to cover the meeting so that Truth rose into dominion and prevailed.

Our beloved friend Caleb Gregg of Springville Linn County Iowa has attended this meeting. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Having finished the business that has come before us to a good degree of satisfaction, under renewed assurance that the Lord is still mindful of his people, and that his promise to the two or three who assemble in his name still continues to be verified, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year if so permitted.

Ethan Foster, Clerk

1876.

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England, held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing 10th of 6th month 1876.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives—Jeremiah Foster, Phelps Foster, and Charles Perry, whose names having been called, they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

No account has been received from Salem and Dover or Sandwich Select Quarterly Meetings for the reasons given in our former accounts. (insufficiency of members).

The queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Charles Perry and Jeremiah Foster are appointed a committee to prepare a summary thereof and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

We appoint Jeremiah Foster, Alice Wilbur and Eliza G. Sheffield, a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of this ~~yearly~~ meeting and report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and conclude upon the names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant, and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day the 13th at eight o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 13th Friends again met according to adjournment.

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The names of the representatives being called they were present and answered thereto as at our first sitting.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for Assistant clerk of this meeting; which nominations having been separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being read is approved, and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

It appears that ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, usually taking their families with them - also to attend meetings for discipline, and to encourage to this duty such of their families as are suitable - Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are believed to wait for divine ability, and are thereby preserved from being burthensome - The lives and conversation of our members appear to be in good degree clean and blameless among men; they are in unity, one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for Truths honor.

We think they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires; yet it is feared there is some want of right exercise and patient labor on this account - They appear to be exemplary in these respects themselves - They are peace-makers in families and in the Church - mostly careful to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

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The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Year by meeting report, that the meetings for discipline have been quietly and satisfactorily held, but that those for worship on first day were again intruded upon, and disturbed by those who some years since withdrawn from us - otherwise there was nothing to disturb the solemnity.

Having finished the business which has claimed our attention to a good degree of satisfaction, under an humbling sense of our weak and feeble condition, both as individuals and as a people, we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year unless otherwise concluded on by the Yearly Meeting at large.

Ethan Foster Clerk

1877

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing 9th of 6th month 1877.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives - Ethan Foster, Charles Perry and Eliza G. Sheffield; whose names having been called they are all present.

No account has been received from Salem and Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings for reasons heretofore given (insufficiency of members).

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly meeting, and Charles Perry and Jeremiah Foster are appointed a committee to prepare a summary thereof and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

We appoint Jeremiah Foster, Charles Perry, Alice Wilbur and Eliza G. Sheffield a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and conclude upon the names of friends whom they may think suitable, to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant, and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day the 12th at eight o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 12th met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives having been called they were present and answered thereto as at our first sitting.

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Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk, and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting; which nominations having been separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being approved is directed to be recorded.

It appears from the answers to the queries that ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and generally to take their families with them. We believe they generally attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their office are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of ministers and elders appear to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men; they are in unity one with another and the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth. — We believe they endeavor to run their own houses well, and to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires, in dress, language and true moderation and that they are in good measure exemplary in these respects themselves. — They are peacemakers in families and in the church; and we believe they are concerned to maintain the discipline without sparing their own families, therefore, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the church meeting report that they have attended to the service, and that the sittings have been satisfactorily held, and attended with a good degree

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of solemnity and serious weight, except that the public meetings on first day were again lined as heretofore with long disjointed and unsavory communications from those who have separated themselves from us.

Having harmoniously finished the business which has claimed our attention - under feelings of gratitude for a renewed extension of divine regard we conclude purposing to meet again on this Island at the usual time next year unless otherwise concluded on by the yearly meeting at large. Edman Foster Clerk

1878

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island, commencing 15th of 6th month 1878.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives - Jeremiah Foster, John W. Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield; whose names having been called, they are all present.

No account has been received from Salem and Dover, or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings for the reasons heretofore given.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Jeremiah Foster, Edman Foster and Charles Perry are appointed to prepare a summary of the same, and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Charles Perry, Alice Wilbur, Jeremiah Foster and Eliza G. Sheffield are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the yearly meeting and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and conclude upon the names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant, and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day the 18th at eight O'clock in the morning;

Third day morning the 18th Friends again met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives having been called ~~that~~ were present, and answered thereto.

Jeremiah Foster, on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing, Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting, whose names having been separately considered were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at ~~our~~ last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being approved is directed to be recorded.

It appears from the answers to the queries that ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings, for divine worship, and generally to take their families with them; also to attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and are not burthensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders appear to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men; they are in unity one with another and the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for Truth's honor. — It appears that they rule their own houses well, but it is apprehended there is cause unwearyingly to seek for divine aid to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and tone moderation.

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in this day of great ~~of great~~ departure herein. They appear to be mostly exemplary in these respects themselves; also to be peace-makers in families and in the church, and mostly to be careful to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, presented the following report; which is satisfactory to the meeting.

"Our meetings on the present annual recurrence of them have been held to a good degree of satisfaction; and we think measurably favored with the overshadowing of divine regard, except that the meeting for worship on first day afternoon was again marred by the unsavory and disjointed communication of one of those who withdrew from us some years ago.

Having finished the business that has come before us in harmony and good feeling—with thankfulness for the favors conferred, few and poor as we are, we concluded, purposing to meet again at the usual time next year, at such place as may be designated by the Yearly Meeting.

Ethan Foster Clerk

The minutes should have been inserted after that relating to the Minutes and answers on the next page.

Charles Perry, Jeremiah Foster and Alfred Wilbur are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the yearly meeting and they are requested to report at a future sitting of the meeting.

1879

Annual Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing the
14th of 6th month 1879.

An account from Rhode Island Yearly
Meeting has been received by which we are informed
that the following friends have been appointed
to attend this meeting as representatives, namely, Elders
Amos, Oliver, L. Sheffield and George A. Parker
and having been called they are all present except
one.

The account has been received from the
yearly meeting of the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting
for the season of 1879.

The queries have been read in this meeting
and the friends have answered them to the satisfaction
of the meeting and the friends have been
advised to go to the Rhode Island Yearly Meeting
and to be prepared to give an account of their
work and of the progress of the cause.

The representatives are required to give an
account of the work of this meeting and of the
progress of the cause and of the friends who
have been added to the church and of the friends
who have been removed from the church.

Adjourned to meet again at 10th day
third day the 17th at 8th o'clock in the morning.

Third day morning the 17th Friends again met
near the time adjourned to.

The names of the representatives having been cal-
led, they were present and answered thereto
as at the previous sitting.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives
informed the meeting that they have conferred
together, and were united in proposing Ethan

Forster for Clerk, and Jeremiah Forster for Assistant Clerk of this meeting, whose names having been separately considered, were united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively.

The Committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being approved the clerk is directed to record it.

It appears that ministers and elders are careful in the attendance of meetings for Divine Worship and that they are diligent in the attendance of meetings for Discipline, encouraging such of their families to that duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gift are believed to be careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burthensome. And it appears that the lives and conversation of ministers and elders are in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men, that they are in unity one with another, and the meetings they belong to, endeavoring in their measure to labor harmoniously together for the honor of Truth. That they endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up their families in the plainness which Truth requires in dress language and true moderation:—Yt there appears to be much inconsistency on the part of some of our younger members in these respects. They are generally exemplary herein themselves. And it would appear that they are peacemakers in families, and in the church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

871 The Committee appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, presented the following report, which is satisfactory to the meeting.

Notwithstanding our feeble and stripped condition, the Yearly Meeting has been held to a good degree of satisfaction, in a sensible feeling at times of a renewal of Divine regard; but we regret that our meetings for worship on First day were again marred and hurt by the vehement, disjointed and unsavory communications of one of those who withdrew from us in the year 1863, on account of what we esteem to be our righteous judgment regarding the separation in the Yearly Meeting of New York held at Poplar Ridge in Cayuga County of that State; which separation we hold was not justified, and that neither party could properly be recognized by us, inasmuch as it was grounded in local and personal differences, which in a right spirit, and in Christian charity should have been healed, and not suffered to produce such fearful and unhappy results.

No further business appearing to claim our attention at this time we conclude, with mingled feelings of our own weakness and of gratitude for the favors vouchsafed to us at times, by the Great Head of the Church, during this our annual assembly, proposing to meet again at the usual time next year; at such place as the Yearly Meeting may designate.

Frederic Foster assistant Clerk

1880

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing the 12th of 6th month 1880.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz. Ethian Foster, Charles Perry and Peter Foster whose names having been called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was rendered.

No account has been received from Salmon and (Dove, or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings), for the reasons given in our previous accounts.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Caleb Gregg of Springville Linn Co. Iowa, with a copy of a minute from Bear Creek Monthly meeting of Friends Iowa, held at that place 13th of 5th month 1880 with a minute of concurrence from Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting held at North Branch 5th month 22nd 1880.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Ethian Foster, Alice Wilbur, and John W. Foster are appointed to prepare a summary of the same and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Jeromeah Foster, and Alice Wilbur are appointed a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are desired to report at a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and agree upon the names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant for the ensuing year and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day morning the 14th at eight o'clock.

Third day morning the 14th met pursuant to adjournment.

The names of the representatives having been called, they were present and answered there to as at the previous sitting.

The representatives having conferred together are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting which proposition having been considered, was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries have presented the following, which being approved is directed to be recorded.

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend meetings for worship, and generally to take their families with them, and to be careful in attending meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable; and in the exercise of their gifts to be careful to wait for divine ability and thus preserved from being burdensome; their lives and conversation appear to be clear and blameless amongst men - to be in unity one with another, and with the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for Truth's honor. They appear to be careful to rule their own houses well, and to endeavor to bring up their families in plainness of dress, language and true moderation, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves - to be peace-makers in families, and in the church, careful to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting presented the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting.

See below. x

1880

Our beloved friend Caleb Gregg of Springfield, Tenn. C. Iowa has attended this meeting with a copy of minute from Bear Creek ~~Monthly~~ Meeting of Friends held at Bear Creek 13th of 5th month. 1880. with a minute of concurrence from Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting held at North Branch 5th month 29th 1880. His company and Gospel labors have been to us acceptable and edifying.

x The following report should have been introduced at the top of this page.

The committee to have the oversight of the several settings of the Yearly Meeting report, that they have attended thereto, and are united in the belief that the meetings on first day were eminently favored by the overshadowing presence of the Great Head of the Church but the solemnity and beauty of the meetings were somewhat marred, by the unsatisfactory and unseemly communications of a few not in unity with us, who for want of abiding in their own tents until rightly qualified, were led out into harsh words, devoid of the true life.

No further business being presented at this time, under feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving for the favors received, poor and weak as we are, we conclude, purposing to meet again at the usual time next year at such place as the Yearly meeting may decide on,

Etta Foster Clark

1881

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing the 17th of sixth month 1881

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz. Jeremiah Foster, Charles Perry and Eliza G. Sheffield, whose names having been called they were all present except two, for the absence of one of whom a satisfactory reason was given.

No account has been received from Salem and Dover or Sandwich Quarterly Meetings for reasons given in our former accounts.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and Ethan Foster and Alice Wilbur are appointed to prepare a summary of the same and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Jeremiah Foster and Alice Wilbur are appointed a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting and agree upon the names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant for the ensuing year and report to our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day morning the 14th at eight o'clock

1881 Third day morning the 14th met pursuant to adjournment

The names of the representatives having been called they were present and answered thereto except one.

The representatives having conferred together are united in proposing Ethan Foster for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting which proposition having been considered was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the yearly meeting presented the following report which is satisfactory to the meeting.

The committee have attended the different sittings of the meeting, and believe that the overshadowings of divine love have at times been felt, but have to express regret that the meetings on first day were again marred by long and rambling discourses from one who left us in 1863 and we think they were nearly destitute of that life and power which is the crown and glory of true gospel ministry.

The committee appointed at our former sitting to prepare a summary to the consensus of the queries presented the following which being approved is directed to be recorded.

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend meetings for worship, and generally to take their families with them, - also to attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, and in the exercise of their gifts to be careful to wait for divine attestation, and thus to be preserved from being burdensome. Their lives and conversation appear to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men

There is some want of unity one with another, and the meeting they belong to, and in consequence a lack of harmonious labor together for Truths honor - they are believed to endeavor to rule their own houses well, and we trust they feel a concern for, and endeavor to bring up their children in ^{the} plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and true moderation. They appear to be good examples in these respects themselves; yet the appearance of our young people would indicate a want of that lively zeal which once characterized this people. With the third answer, we believe they are peace makers in families and in the church, and endeavor to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

No further business being presented at this time we feel to acknowledge that we have at times had some evidence of the renewed extension of divine Goodness towards us, under a sense of which we concluded, postponing to meet again on this island at the usual time in the sixth month next

Ethan Foster Clerk

1882

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Newport on Rhode Island commencing the 10th of Sixth month 1882.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received, by which we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz. John W. Foster, Ethan Foster and Jeremiah Foster, whose names having been called they were all present, and answered thereto.

No account has been received from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting for reasons heretofore given (insufficiency of numbers).

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friends William Robinson, Ruth Ann Stanton and Sarah Ann Robinson, part of a committee appointed by Western Yearly Meeting to attend this Yearly Meeting and present an epistle from the former to the latter. The following is a copy of the minute of their appointment. Robert W. Hudson, one of the committee has since deceased.

At Western Yearly Meeting of Friends -
Fourth day afternoon 9th month 21st 1881.

The committee of a former sitting to prepare an Epistle to New England Yearly Meeting produced one which was approved and the clerk were directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting. They propose that Robert W. Hudson, William Robinson, Ruth Ann Stanton and Sarah Ann Robinson, be appointed to attend and present it to the next ensuing session of that Yearly Meeting. The proposal was fully united with and they were appointed to the service. - Extracted from the minutes of the meeting aforesaid

Albert Maxwell } Clerks
Pamela Stanley }

Ruth Ann Stanton a member of the committee aforesaid also presented a copy of a minute from West Union Monthly Meeting, enclosed by White Lick Quarterly, expressing of their unity with her prospect of attending to some religious service, if way should open for it within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and also if way should open for it to attend Concorda Yearly Meeting.

Dorah Ann Johnson also received a paper signed by a committee of West Union Monthly Meeting expressing of their unity with her concern to accompany Ruth Ann Stanton in the proposed religious service referred to.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and John W. Foster and Jeremiah Foster are appointed a committee to prepare a summary of the same, and present to a future sitting of this Meeting.

Jeremiah Foster, Charles Perry and Anne A. Foster are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Rhode Island Quarterly inform that they have united with South Kingston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Anne A. Foster and Ann Perry to the station of Elders.

The representatives are requested to confer together at the close of this sitting, and agree upon the names of Friends whom they may deem suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and assistant and report to our next sitting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third day morning the 13th at eight O'clock.

Third day morning the 13th near the hour adjourned to Friends again met - the names of the representatives have been called they were present and answered thereto;

1882

The representatives having convened together, are united in proposing Elihu Fetter for clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting, which proposition having been considered was united with, and they are accordingly appointed to those stations respectively.

The committee ^{appointed} at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the year's meeting made the following report which is accepted as satisfactory to the meeting.

The committee have attended the several sittings of the year's meeting, and believe that they have been in a good degree favored by the overshadowing of divine regard, and the gospel stream which flowed freely over us, and we are thankful to acknowledge that it was good for them to be there.

Our beloved friend William Robinson attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Western Union Meeting Indiana dated 9th Mo. 21st 1881 His company and gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us.

Our beloved friend Ruth Ann Stanton has attended this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from West Union Monthly Meeting held near Monrovia Morgan County Indiana 5th Mo. 10th 1882 endorsed by White Lick Quarterly Meeting held at West Union 5th Mo. 13th 1882 Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us.

Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Johnson an Elder attended this meeting as companion to Ruth Ann Stanton with a certificate of concurrence from a committee of West Union Monthly Meeting held near Monrovia 5th Mo. 25th 1882 Her company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us.

The committee appointed at our former sitting to receive a summary of the answers to the queries presented the following which being approved was directed to be recorded,

1882

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and generally to take their families with them - they diligently attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable, and are thought to be careful to wait for divine abatement in the absence of their gifts, and are not far from some - their lives and conversation being in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men, they are in unity endeavoring to labor together for Truth's honor. We think these endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their children in plainness and are mostly exemplars herein themselves. We trust they are peace makers in families and in the church, and are desirous to maintain the discipline without screening their own families and to administer justice as faithful servants. Yet there has been one case where the letter of the discipline has not been conformed to.

Having been favored to finish the business that has come before us in harmony and to a good degree of satisfaction, with feelings of thankfulness for the assistance of divine regard and favor vouchsafed in our weak and stripped condition we conclude purposing to meet again on this island at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine will.

Edmund Foster Secy.

1883 At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders for New England held at Newport on Rhode
Island commencing the 9th of 6th month 1883.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly
Meeting has been received by which we are informed
that the following named Friends have been appo-
inted to attend this meeting as representatives viz
Ethan Foster Ann Perry Jeremiah Foster and John
M. Foster whose names having been called they were
present except one and answered thereto.

No account has been received from Sand-
wich Quarterly Meeting for reasons heretofore given—insuf-
ficiency of numbers.

The Queries have been read in this meeting
with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meet-
ing, and Ethan Foster and John M. Foster are appointed
a committee to prepare a summary of the same and pre-
sent to a future sitting of this meeting.

Charles Perry and Ann Perry are appointed a
committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the
Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to report to a future
sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together
at the close of this sitting and agree upon names of Friends
whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting as clerk and
assistant clerk and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on third
day morning the 12th at 8, O'clock.

1883

Third day morning the 12th, met pursuant to adjournment, the names of the representatives having been called they were present and answered thereto except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

John W. Foster on behalf of the representatives reported that a part of them had conferred together and are united in proposing Ethan Foster for Clerk and Jeremiah Foster for assistant clerk of this meeting, which proposition having been considered was united with & they are accordingly appointed to those stations, respectively.

Charles Perry on behalf of the committee appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting reports, that they have been satisfactorily held, though the number in attendance has been unusually small.

The committee appointed at our former sitting to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries presented the following, which being approved is directed to be recorded.

Having finished the business that has claimed our attention to a good degree of satisfaction, with feelings of thankfulness and resignation for the favors vouchsafed and amid many trials and discouragements we conclude purposing to meet again at such time and place as may be designated by the Yearly Meeting;

Ethan Foster, Clerk.

1884

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England held at Westerly the 14 of 6th month 1884.

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been received by which it appears the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz: Charles Perry, Ethan Foster, Eliza C. Sheffield and Anna A. Foster, whose names having been called, they are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers there to from from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and John W. Foster is appointed a committee to prepare a summary of the same and present to a future sitting of this meeting.

Jeremiah Foster and Eliza C. Sheffield are appointed a committee to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting; and they are desired to report to a future sitting of this meeting.

The representatives are requested to confer together & agree upon names of Friends whom they may think suitable to serve the meeting for clerk and assistant for the year ensuing.

Adjourned to meet again at this place on 3rd day morning the 17th at 8 o'clock.

1884

Third day morning the 17th met near the Court ad-
 journed to, the names of the representatives having been
 called they were present, as at our previous sitting.

Charles Perry one of the representatives proposed
 the name of Jeremiah Foster for Clerk of this meeting
 for the year ensuing, which being duly considered was
 united with and he is accordingly appointed to that
 service.

Jeremiah Foster on behalf of the committee
 appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings
 of the Yearly Meeting reported that they have been held to
 a good degree of satisfaction, and that nothing trans-
 pired to mar the solemnity of the meeting.

The following summary of the answers was ~~directed~~
 presented to this meeting, and being approved was
 directed to be recorded, viz

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to
 attend their meetings for worship taking with them
 their families. They are thought to be diligent in attend-
 ing meetings for discipline encouraging such of their
 families to this duty as are suitable. It also appears
 that ministers in the exercise of their gifts endeavor
 to wait for Divine ability and are not burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders
 appear to be in a good degree clear and blameless and
 upright men, they are in unity one with another, and
 the meeting they belong to, endeavoring though in much
 weakness to labor together in harmony for Truth's honor.

It appears that they endeavor to rule their own houses
 well, and to bring up their families in the holiness
 which Truth requires and some good examples herein them-
 selves, that they are peacemakers in families and in the
 church, and generally careful to maintain the discipline
 without screening their own families therefrom and to admin-
 ister justice as faithful servants, yet some weakness is
 apparent herein.

Jeremiah Foster Clerk

1885-

1885

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England held at Westbury R. Island 12th. of 6th Month. 1886

An account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders has been received, by which it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting - viz Charles Perry and Eliza G. Sheffield, whose names being called they were present.

Our beloved friend Edmund K. Hobson of Kansas attended this Meeting with a Certificate from Spring River Quarterly Meeting of Friends, endorsed by Spring River Quarterly Meeting, stating that he is a Minister with whom they have unity, and that he had been liberated by them to perform a visit in the line of the Gospel to the Meeting of Friends in America, as far as Truth opens the way. His company and Gospel labors have been encouraging and strengthening to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

We have also the acceptable Company of our dear friend Amos Hadgson with a Certificate from a committee of Spring River Quarterly Meeting, informing that he had a prospect of accompanying Edmund K. Hobson in his proposed religious Engagements his company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from Rhode Island

1886

Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders,
and the clerk is directed to place the same on
record.

Charles Perry and Elisa G.
Sheffield are appointed to have the over-
sight of the several sittings of the Yearly
Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 8th. hour 3d Day
Evening (the 15th)

Third day Morning the 15th. Near
the hour adjourned to Friends again met.

The names of those representatives
being called they were present.

It having been proposed and
united with, that John H Foster should
be reappointed clerk, of this meeting,
he is continued in that service for the
year ensuing.

Our friends Charles Perry
and Elisa G. Sheffield, the Committee
appointed at our last meeting to have the
oversight of the several sittings, report that
the meetings were satisfactory, and good
order prevailed, and that nothing occurred
to call for special remark.

Under feelings of humility, yet thank-
fulness for the favors vouchsafed to us,
we conclude, purposing to meet again at this
place, next year, if consistent with the
Divine will.

John H Foster Clerk

Summary of Answer to the Queries 1886

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship generally taking their families with them. We believe they diligently attend meetings for ~~discipline~~ ^{discipline} in health will admit, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

And it appears that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine aid and are believed not to be burdened.

The business conversation of Ministers and Elders appear to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men, and they are in unity one with another and the meeting they seem to endeavoring to labor together in harmony for both hours.

They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in the principles which both require in dress language &c and are good examples in these respects themselves.

They appear to be peace makers in families and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice, though perhaps it would be too full to say as faithful servants.

1887.

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at the First Baptist Church in Providence the Eleventh of 6th Month 1887.

An account has been received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, informing us that the following named friends were appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. Charles Perry and Elsa J. Shepley wife of James having been called they were present and answered thereto.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers thereto from R. I. Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Charles Perry, Anna A. Foster and Ann Perry are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 8th hour 3d Day morning the 14th.

Third Day morning the 14th Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives being called they were present.

It having been proposed and voted with that John H. Foster should be appointed Clerk of this Meeting, he is continued in that service for the year ensuing.

1887

Charles Ferry on behalf of the Committee appointed at our last Meeting to have the oversight of Meetings the several sittings of the Yearly Meetings reports that the meetings have been regularly and orderly held, and to our comfort and satisfaction, and fresh evidence has been extended that we are cared for by the great head of the Church.

The business that has claimed our attention having now been finished, we conclude, under feelings of thankfulness to Him in whom all our fresh springs, proposing to meet again at this place next year if the Lord permit.

Yours to the end
John W. Foster Clerk

Answers to the Inquiries

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their Meetings for divine worship taking their families with them. They are diligent in the attendance of Meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

and it appears that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts have been careful to wait for Divine ability and are not without some, and also that the lives and conversations of Ministers and Elders are clean and blameless amongst men, they being in unity one with another and the Society they belong to, laboring harmoniously together for the honor of Truth.

1887

They endeavor to rule their own households
and to bring up their families in holiness
which both requires a greater order and we
think these good examples herein themselves
and they appear to be peace makers in fam-
ilies and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain
the discipline without screening their own fam-
ilies therefore, and to administer justice to
faithful servants.

1888

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders held at Westbury N.J. Commencing the
eleventh of 6th mo. 1888

An account has been received from Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
informing us that the following named friends
were appointed to attend this Meeting as repre-
sentatives - viz George Foster, Eliza J. Sheffield
and Ann Perry, whose names having been
called they were present and answered thereto.

Our beloved friend Ann Transon from
Ohio Yearly Meeting is with us at this time, with
a certificate from ^{Enclosed} ~~Spring~~ ^{Shore Creek} ~~Quarterly Meeting~~ ^{Quarterly Meeting} of
Friends and liberating her to attend New England
Yearly Meeting and the meetings composing it,
as truth may open the way also to attend some
meetings belonging to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting;
and to appoint, as truth may open the way,
some meetings among those not in Mem-
bership with us. Her company and gospel
labors have been truly encouraging and edifying
to us and stating that she is a minister with
whom they have unity.

Her company and gospel labors have been

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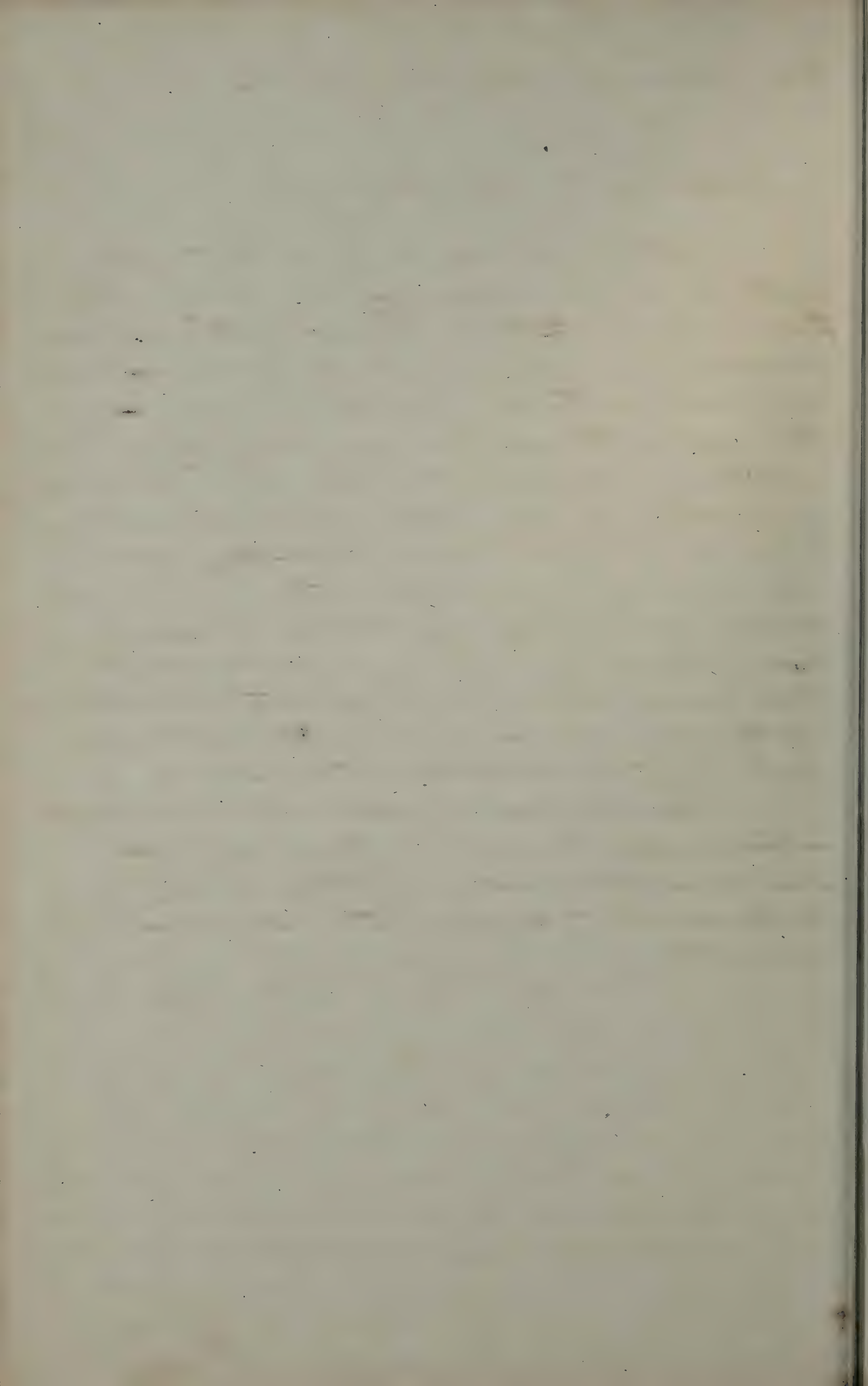
been encouraging & strengthening to us

Answers to the Queries for 1888

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship and generally to take their families with them. They diligently ^{attend} meetings for discipline encouraging each of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability and not to be burdensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are believed to be in good clean and blameless amongst men.

They are in unity one with another and the meetings they belong to, endeavoring to labor together in harmony for brother's honor. They endeavor to rule their own houses well and we trust they labor to bring up their families as guarded apprentices, and they are pretty good examples herein themselves.

They are peace makers in families and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.



1888

The Ladies have been paid at this time
and a check given. The same amount
must be paid to the clerk and the
clerk is directed to place the same on account.

Anna B. and Mrs. Ferry and Miss Baker
are appointed to have the oversight of the
sittings of the yearly meeting and report at
our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour
3rd day, Monday the 12th.

Third day, Monday
to 12th. Next pursuant to adjournment.

It having been proposed and voted that
that Rev. H. Foster should be reappointed
clerk, he is continued in that service, for the
year ensuing.

The same with reference to the
having been called the next business was
and was done.

Anna B. and Mrs. Ferry ordered the
committee appointed to have the oversight
of the yearly sitting of the 1st day, Monday
be appointed to have the same attending to the
duty, and that the President have the same
held, and in much solicitude to our satisfaction
and comfort.

Having been permitted
to finish the business which has come before us
in unity and harmony, with thankful remembrance
we subscribe, proposing to meet at this
place again, and it is consistent with the same
will

Rev. H. Foster clerk

1889.

At a Special Conference of the Trustees of the
Ministers and Elders of the Methodist Church
15th of 6th month 1889.

An account has
been received from Rhode Island Trustees
of Ministers and Elders by which
we are informed that our friends Edwin
Lambert and John W. Foster were
appointed representatives to this meeting,
and individuals having been called to the
meeting.

The books have been
read at this time with answers from
Rhode Island Trustees, Minutes of Min-
isters and Elders and the clerk to direct
to place the same on record.

George Foster Esq. and St. Edmund
Smith St. John's are appointed to have
the oversight of the several duties of the
Trustees Meeting and report upon their
duties.

Adjourned to the 15th hour
Third day Morning the 18th.

Third day Morning the 18th. Near the time
adjourned the friends again met.

The names of the representatives being
called they were present.

It having been proposed and voted with
that John W. Foster should be appointed
Clerk of this meeting, he is continued in that
service for the year ensuing.

The committee
appointed to have the oversight of the several

Sittings of the Yearly Meeting, so that they have been held in good order and to a good degree of Satisfaction.

Our beloved Friends Enock and Catherine Leister of Kansas Yearly Meeting, have been with us at this time to our satisfaction and comfort.

The business which has claimed our attention has now been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. We have felt at this time a deep sense of our weakness and dependance on the Lord alone, for ability to perform our allotted duties, but are encouraged to believe that it continues to be the gracious purpose of our Heavenly Father to be around about his little ones and preserve them alive in the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth. Under this feeling we conclude, supposing to meet again at this place next year, if the Lord permit.

John V. Foster Clerk

Answers to Inquiries

Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship and generally to take their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for business encouraging such of their families as this duty is suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for Divine ability and are not b. themselves. The lives and conversation of Ministers and elders are believed to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. And to be in visit one with another and the Meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor together in harmony for Truth's honor. And they endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in measure as required after, and are good examples herein themselves. And we trust they bear witness

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in families and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

All New England Church Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at West of W.D., 4th of Oct. Nov. 1890

An account has been received from Rhode Island District Meeting of Ministers and Elders by which we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz Eliza C. Sheffield, Anna & Foster and John M. Foster whose names having been called they were present.

The Minutes have been read at this time with answers from Rhode Island District Meeting of Ministers and Elders and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Ruth A. Brandell, Anna A. Foster, George Foster and Jesse Snider are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at the next Meeting.

Adjourned to the 10th hour 3d day Morning the 17th

Third day Morning the 17th near the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives having been called they were present and answered thereto.

It having been proposed and invited with
 the consent of the Committee should be re-appointed Clerk of
 this Meeting he is continued in that service for the
 year ensuing.

Geo. Foster on behalf of the
 Committee appointed to have the oversight of the
 several sittings of the French Meetings, reports that
 they have attended to their appointment, that the
 Meetings have been held in good order and with great
 solemnity, and that there seems no further cause
 for remark.

Answers to the Queries

It appears that Ministers and Elders are careful
 to attend the Meetings for Divine Worship and
 generally to take their families with them, and are
 diligent in the attendance of Meetings for
 discipline, encouraging such of their families
 to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise
 of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for
 Divine ability and not to be burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders
 are believed to be in good degree clean and blame-
 less amongst men, and they appear to be intimate
 one with another and the Meeting, they being
 endeavoring in their measure to labor together in
 harmony for truth's honor. And they endeavor to
 order their own houses well and we trust to bring up
 their families in measure as queried after, and
 are pretty good examples herein themselves;
 and are expected to maintain peace in families
 and the church, endeavoring to maintain the
 Discipline without screening their own families
 therefrom, and to administer justice as
 faithful servants.

The business which has claimed our attention having now been concluded; under a sense of our weakness and dependence upon the Lord alone for help and preservation in fulfilling those responsible duties which rest upon us, yet with a feeling that He will never forsake those who rightly call upon Him for help, we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

John H. Foster Clerk

1891

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England held at Westerly Rhode Island the 15th of 6th month 1891

We have received an account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. viz Anna A. Foster Amberg and George Foster - whose names having been called they were present and answered their

We have at this time the acceptance of our beloved friend Hannah Stratton with a minute from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends in the State of Ohio held 4th mo 23d 1891, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting - liberating her to attend in the love of the Gospel New England and Canada, early meetings, and some meetings composing on her way, and appoint others as Truth can open the way. She being a Minister in unity with them. Her company and Gospel labors have been truly comforting & encouraging to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this

minutes and sign it on our behalf.

We have the acceptable company of our beloved sister Barclay Stratton with a certificate from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends liberating him to accompany his wife in her & social religious services, he being an elder in unity with them. His company and his deportment have strengthened & comforted us to no small degree; and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minutes.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Answers to Queries

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship generally taking their families with them: and also to diligently attend meetings for discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are believed to be careful to wait for divine ability and not to be bothersome.

The lives and conversation of members of this Meeting are reported to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men, and the women with one with and the meeting they belong to endeavoring to labor together in harmony for Truth's honor.

They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families as quakers ought and are pretty good examples herein themselves. Perhaps greater care would be better. They are thought to be peace-makers in families & in the church endeavoring to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

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Isaac P. Wilbur Anna A. Foster James H. Dicker
George Foster and Antone are appointed to
have the oversight of the several sittings of the
yearly meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 10th hour 3d day morning
the 16th.

Third day morning the 16th over-
sawant to adjournment. The names of the
representatives being called they were present and
answered thereto.

It having been proposed and voted with
that John W. Foster should be appointed Clerk
of this meeting, he is continued in that service
the ensuing year.

Isaac P. Wilbur on
behalf of the Committee appointed at our last
sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings
of the yearly meeting reports that they have been
held in good order, and that there seems to be
no cause for further remark.

The business which has come before us having
now been completed - under a deep sense of our
responsibility, and conscious of our weakness
and unworthiness, yet reverently sensible that
the Lords arm is not shortened that it cannot
save, and that it is still His good pleasure to
bless the workmanship of his hands - we
conclude, supposing to meet again at this
place next year if consistent with the Divine
will

John W. Foster Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
for New England held at Hester Rd 11th. of 6th mo
1892

An account has been received from
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, by which we learn that our friends Amos
and John W. Foster were appointed to represent them
in this meeting, whose names having been called
they are present.

The Inquiries have been read at this
time with answers thereto from Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers, and the Clerk is directed
to place the same on record

Answers to Inquiries

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their
Meetings for divine worship when health permits
and generally to take their families with them.

They diligently attend Meetings for discipline
and we trust encourage such of their families to
this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise
of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine
ability and are not burdensome, as far as appears.

The lives and conversations of Ministers and Elders are
thought to be in good degree clean and blameless
amongst men. They are in unity one with another
and the Meetings then belong to, endeavoring,
according to their ability to labor harmoniously
together for Truth's honor. We believe they endeavor
to rule their own houses and bring up their families
in good degree of plainness as Truth requires, and
are pretty good examples herein themselves.

They are thought to be peacemakers in families and
the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline
without screening their own families therefrom and to
administer justice as faithful servants

1892

Anna A Foster, Isaac F Wilbur, James H Foster
John S. Gidley and Ruth A. Randall are appointed
to have the oversight of the several sittings of the
Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th. from 3^d day Morning
the 14th.

3^d Day Morning about the time
adjourned to Friends again met.

The names of the representatives being called
they were present.

It having been proposed that John W. Foster
should be reappointed clerk of this meeting
it was voted with, and he is continuing in
that service for the ensuing year.

Isaac F Wilbur on behalf of the Committee
appointed to have the oversight of the several
sittings of the Yearly Meeting, reports that the
meetings have been held in good order without
further remark.

The company and Gospel
labors of our beloved friend Rebecca Masters of
Philadelphia has been truly comforting and
encouraging to us, and a renewed token of
Divine regard to his poor unworthy creatures.

The business which came before us has now
been completed and under a sense of our
dependence upon the Lord alone, and need of a
closer walk with Him, in all things, we now
conclude proposing to meet again at this place
next year if consistent with the Divine will.

John W Foster Clerk

1893

At our 2nd meeting of Ministers and
Elders for New England, held at Westbury, N.H. 10th of
6th month 1893.

An account has been received
from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders by whom we were informed that the following
named friends were appointed to represent them in
this meeting. viz. Ruth A. Brandell, Eliza G. Shepley
and Mary A. Gardner, whose names having been
called out were present.

Our beloved friend Asahel Crosby of Iowa
attended the meeting with a certificate from Indiana
Monthly Meeting of Friends, & resolved to West Branch
Quarterly Meeting, liberating him to visit in gospel
love the meeting comprising New England Yearly
Meeting, and also to appoint meetings among
Friends and others in the course of that service
on the various other roads as Truth may
direct. His companionary gospel labors have been
much encouraging and strengthening to us, and the
Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of
this minute.

Our beloved friend Jacob S.
Clements attended this meeting with a Certificate
from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia
held 5th mo. 25, 1893. Liberating him to visit in gospel love
some portions of the New England States is a kind attempt
to attend some of the meetings under our name and
appoint some other meetings as ability may be afforded
and as best wisdom may direct, he being a Minister in
unity with them. His companionary and gospel labors have
tended not a little to encourage us to look into him
in whom are all our best hopes.

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Our beloved friend Joseph H. Hutton attended the
meeting with a minute from October month
meeting of Friends New Jersey held Oct 1893
He attended with a company from South & North
in a large assembly in Kent England, he being an
Elder in unity with them. His company said that
and services have been held, as is usual to be
and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a
copy of this minute.

The Services have been
held at the same time with our usual from Old
Island Friends. Meeting of Friends and
Elders and the clerk is directed to place the same on
record. An exercise has attended and been
reported that the consideration of this meeting should
be on the one side a report of their work, showing
however their usefulness or contribution
for the building up of the church of Christ.

Isaac P. Miller, Anna A. Foster, Vol. S. Pidgeon,
Mary A. Gardner are appointed to have the
on light of the general sitting of the Yearly
Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 5th time third day
morning the 13th.

First day morning the 13th. about the
time adjourned to Friends again assembled

The same of the representatives having been
called by the year meeting at our last sitting.

1893

The time for which the lease of the 1 & 2 section
was originally made expired, I have now written
the landowners, Mr. J. H. Galt & Mr. J. H. Galt
for the same purpose.

I will be glad to have the oversight of the
several settlements of the 1 & 2 section
to be made by the landowners for the
same.

The business which claimed our
attention having now been brought to a close, under
a deep sense of our unworthiness and need
of help, but with our consciences clear
wanted on the part of our children
and in his dependant children; we conclude,
to leave to them at this place next year the
same as we have now.

John M. Foster

Answer to Queries

Ministers and churches are careful to attend their
meetings for divine worship, and to permit
and contract to take their families to them.

The Hallelujah Church meeting for discipline, and
meeting for marriage and their families to be
done, as we see them. Ministers in the service of
their gifts as though they were not waiting for
some ability, and are not content to be as poor as
appears. Ministers and churches, Ministers
and churches are thought to be in good degree clean
and uncorrupted consciences, and they are united
one with another and are meeting the highest
conscience according to the measure of their

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other in harmony with the principles.

They are the kind of people who have been
in the world, and who have been in the world
and who have been in the world, both
in the world and in the world, both

They are peace-makers in families and in the
Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline
without lessening their own families therefrom, and to
administer justice as faithful servants.

1894 At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held at West Lake Rhode Island 9th of 6th mo. 1894

We have received at this time an account from
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders informing us that the following named
friends were appointed to represent them in this
meeting: viz Anna A Foster, Eliza G. Sheffield
and George Foster - whose names having been
called they were present.

Our beloved friend
Eliza W. Varney attended this meeting with a
from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends
held Brownfield. 1st mo. 18. 1894, endorsed
by West Lake Yearly Meeting held at
the same place 2^d mo. 3 1894 liberating her to
visit in Gospel Line Phila. Yearly Meeting, and
some of the meetings within its limits, also
to attend New England Yearly Meeting, and
perform such other service in New England
as was laid open for and truth direct; she
being a Minister in unity with them.

Her company and Gospel labors have been
comforting and encouraging to us, and the
Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy

of this minute.

Our beloved friend Sarah Ann Hinshaw attended this Meeting with a minute from Lottonwood Monthly Meeting of Andover 5th. Mo. 1st 1894 endorsed by Lottonwood Quarterly Meeting held 5th. Mo. 1st 1894. Liberative herbs attend New England Yearly Meeting and some of the Meetings within its limits. She being a Minister in unity with. Her Company and good laws have been shown and comfort to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Andrew Hinshaw attended this Meeting with a minute from a committee of Lottonwood Monthly Meeting to provide suitable accompaniment for his wife Sarah Ann Hinshaw, informing that he is an Elder in unity with them, and liberative him to accompany her in her proposed religious services in New England. His Company and solid deportment are acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Series have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and the Clerk is directed to place them on record.

Samuel Wilbur, Anna S. Foster, George Foster, Ruth A. Cornwell and James H. Drake are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th. hour
3^d day morning the 12th.

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Third day morning, the 15th, we proceeded
to adjournment. The names of the representa-
-tives being called they were present.

It was proposed and voted with that
John W. Foster should be re-appointed clerk
of this meeting and he is continued in that
service for the year ensuing.

Isaac A. Kilborn on behalf of the Com-
-mittee appointed at our last sitting, to have
the oversight of the several sittings of the
Genl. Meeting reports that the meetings
have been held in good order.

We have now finished the business the busi-
ness which has claimed our attention, and
though brought low under a sense of trial
and stripping, and because of our weakness
and the heaviness of the work; we have been
encouraged to believe that amidst all our
provisions that the foundation of God stands
sure making this seal, the Lord knoweth them
that are His, and in this feeling we conclude
to adjourn to meet at this place next year
it is consistent with the Divine Will.

John W. Foster Clerk

Answers to the Queries

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and generally to take their families with them, and to be diligent in attending meetings for exhortation, encouraging some of their families to this duty as are suitable. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability & not to be burdensome. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are reported to be in good degree clean and blameless & unspotted men and to be in unity one with another and the members they belong to, endeavoring according to their measure to live together in harmony for Truth's honor. They seek not to be leaders in their own houses well, and to bring up their children in piety as required after, and are mostly exemplary herein themselves. It would seem that they are peace makers in families and the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline, without screening their own families therefrom and to a divine & justice as faithful servants.

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
for New England held at Westbury Rd. 15th of 6th mo. 1895

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An account has been received from Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders informing us that the following named
friends were appointed to represent them in this
Meeting. Viz Ruth A. Brundall George Foster
and Mary A. Gardner, whose names having
been called they were present.

Our beloved friend Eliza A. Varney attended this
Meeting with a certificate from West Lake Monthly
Meeting of Friends held at Bloomfield Canada
14th of 1st mo. 1895, endorsed by West Lake Four Monthly
Meeting held at the same place 29th mo 2^d, liberating
her for religious service within the limits of Phila
Yearly Meeting, also to attend also to a New
England Yearly Meeting and perform whatever service
in New England way may open to and Truth direct;
and to engage in some labor within the limits of
Canada Yearly Meeting; and to appoint some
Meetings if way should open for it in any of the
above named places, she being a Minister in
unity with them. Her company and Gospel
labors have been truly acceptable and com-
forting to us.

Extracted from the Minutes of
New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders held at Westbury Rd. by adjournments from
the 15th of the sixth month to the 18th of the same
inclusive 1895

The same was read by the

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Geo. Foster, Anna Foster, Ruth Brandell and Jesse Tucker are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings, of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour 3d day evening the 18th.

Third day evening the 18th and
proceed to adjournment.

The names of the
representatives being called they were all present.

Geo Foster on behalf of the Committee appointed
to have the oversight of ~~meetings~~ the several sittings,
of the Yearly Meeting, reports that they were held in
quietness & good order with nothing occurring to
call for special remark.

The business claiming our attention has
been completed, and, though feeling our weakness
and stripped condition, have been made sensible
that in faithful the peace of God which passeth
all human understanding is sure to be our
experience, and in this feeling we conclude,
purposing to meet at this place next year
in the Lord's service.

John W. Foster Clerk

1896

At our Yearly Meeting Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England held at Westport, P.E. the 13th of 6th month 1896

We have received an account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders by which we are informed that Mary A. Gardner, Ruth A. Grandall and Geo. Foster were appointed to represent them in this Meeting - their names having been called they were present

Our beloved friend Harvey H. Knight attended this Meeting with a certificate from from Norwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers held at Norwich Ontario 11th of 5th month 1896, endorsed by Norwich Quarterly Meeting held at the same place 14th of 5th mo. 1896, liberating him to attend in the love of the Gospel New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. His company and good labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders and the Clerk is directed to place the same on record.

Our friends Jesse Tucker, Geo. Foster and Anna A. Foster are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th, week - 3^d day morning the 16th.

Third day morning the 16th about the time Adjourned to Friends again assembled

The names of the representatives being called they were present.

Our beloved friend Benjamin P. Brown a minister from North Carolina has been accepted with us at this time. Yet owing to the peculiar condition of the meeting he belongs to he has no minute to this meeting, but his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute.

Geo. Foster on behalf of the Committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting reports that the meetings have been held in good order, and a large and living supply of Gospel Ministry was afforded.

The business claiming the attention of the Meeting having been finished, under a good degree of solemnity, and with thankful hearts for the numerous favors vouchsafed to us, we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

John W. Foster Clerk

1896,

~~Ministers to the Ancestry~~

~~Ministers and Elders~~ Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship when health permits, taking their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline, encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts endeavor to wait for divine ability, and we trust are not burthensome. And the lives and conversation of ministers and Elders are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless among men.

They appear to be in unity one with another and the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor together in harmony for this honor.

They endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up those under their care in the plainness which Truth requires in dress language and true moderation and are pretty good examples herein themselves. We trust they are peace makers in families and in the Church, trying to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
for New England held Westbury Rd. the 12th. of 6th month
1897

We have received an account from
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, informing us that the following named
friends were appointed to represent them in this
Meeting. viz Ruth A. Randall, Mary A. Gardner
and George Foster, whose names having been
called they were present.

We have at this time the
acceptable company of our dear friends Enock and
Lathrine Carter, with a summons from Spring
River Monthly Meeting of Friends in Kansas Yearly
Meeting held 4th. mo. 21. 1897. informing us of their
prospect of attending some of the meetings of
Western and Ohio Yearly Meetings, and also of
attending New England Yearly Meeting, and also of
informing us that they are Elders in unity with
them. Their company is truly encouraging to us
and the clerk is directed to furnish them with
a copy of this summons.

The Series have been read at this time
with answers thereto from Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers, and the
Clerk is directed to place the same on record.

We appoint our friends Ruth A. Randall
George Foster and Jesse Snicker to have the
oversight of the several sittings of the
Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to
report a copy of their sittings.

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Adjourned on the 9th. Two or three days since
the 15th.

Third day morning the 15th, about
the same adjourned to Monday again met.

The names of the representatives being called
they were present.

Rev. Foster on behalf of the
Committee appointed to have the oversight
of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting
reported that they were held in good order and
in quietness, with a comfortable degree of the
Divine presence, without anything requiring
special remark.

The business claiming the
attention of the meeting, having been con-
cluded. Now, under a deep sense of un-
worthiness, yet with grateful hearts for the
sense of Divine love vouchsafed unto us,
we conclude, supposing to meet at this
place next year if permitted by our Heavenly
Father.

John H. Foster Clerk

1897

Answers to the Queries

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, taking their families with them in health. They are mostly diligent in attending meetings for discipline and we trust encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are thought to be careful to wait for divine ability and not to be breathsome. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are in good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in with one with another and the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor in harmony for the honor of Truth. We believe they endeavor

to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in some measure as regards after, and are pretty good examples herein themselves. They appear to be peace makers in families and in the Church, endeavoring to maintain the discipline, not to persecute their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

1898

At our Yearly Meeting of Ministers and
elders for New England held at Westbury, N. H.
Eleventh of Sixth Month 1898

By accounts received at this time from
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers
and elders we are informed that Wm. J. A.
Gardner and John W. Foster were appointed to
represent them in this meeting, whose names
being called they are present.

Our beloved friend Benj. W. Wood
attended this meeting with a minute from
Pickering Monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Pickering on twelfth of Second Mo. 3 1894
endorsed by George S. V. Quarterly Meeting of
Friends held 5th mo. 26 1894, also by the Yearly
Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Pickering
27th of 6th mo. 1894 - and re-endorsed by
Pickering Mo. Meeting of Friends held 9th mo.
2d 1894. Informing that he is a minister
with whom they have unity, and setting forth
his prospect of service in the line of the Gospel
by to visit some meetings in his own Quarterly Meeting
also Friends and others in Ohio, Western,
Philadelphia, North Carolina and New England
Yearly meetings. His company and Gospel
services have been truly acceptable and
encouraging to us, and the Clerk is directed
to forward him with a copy of this minute.

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Our beloved friend Eliza H. Tarnen attended this meeting with a minute from West Lake monthly meeting of Friends held 9th mo. 15, 1894, endorsed by West Lake Four months meeting held 10th mo. 20, 1894 also by the Yearly Meeting of ministers held at Pickering Ontario Canada 19th of 6th mo. 1894 stating that she is a minister in ministry with them, and liberating her to visit in Gospel love the meetings of Friends in California and Vancouver and to attend some of the Yearly and Quarterly meetings, going or returning if way opened therefor, and to appoint some meetings among Friends and others, and perform such other service as Truth may direct.

Her company and Gospel labors have been comforting, encouraging and strengthening to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The Minutes have been read at this time with answers thereto from F. D. Zwart Meeting of ministers and Elders and the clerk is directed to place the same on record.

We appoint our friends Jesse Baker, Mary A. Gardner and James H. Fisher to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th. hour Thursday morning the 14th.

1898 Third day morning the 14th about
the time adjourned to Friends again
assembled. The names of the representa-
tives being called they were present.

James H. Tucker on behalf of the Committee
appointed at our sitting on 14th day morning
to have the oversight of the second sitting of
the Yearly Meeting - reports that the same
conducted in an orderly manner, and were
times of favor.

The business which has
come before us is now completed, and in
separating we feel to acknowledge the over-
shadowing of Heavenly Goodness in drawing
our hearts into unity and sympathy one with
another, and into submission to the Divine will
whatever suffering or labor may be laid upon us

John W. Foster Clerk

1898

Chickadees to Quakers

Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for divine aid, and it is thought they are not brethren. They are careful to attend all their meetings and to encourage their families in this duty.

Their lives and conversation are believed to be in good measure clean and blameless among Quakers, and are in unity one with another and the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor in harmony for the honor

They endeavor to rule their houses well, and to bring up their families in blameless as given after and are pretty good examples herein themselves. We trust they are peace-makers in families and in the Church, and to maintain the discipline without screening their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

1899

At New England Yearly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders held at Westport N.H.
10th of 6th. Mo. 1899

By accounts from R. Island Quarterly
Meeting of Ministers and Elders it appears
that the following named friends were
appointed to represent them in this meeting
viz Jesse Tucker, George Foster and Mary
A. Gardner, whose names having been
called they were present.

The Queries have been read at this
time with answers thereto from Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, and the clerk is directed to place
the same on record.

We appoint our friends
Jesse Tucker, Mary A. Gardner and James
A. Tucker to have the oversight of the several
sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are
requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour Third day
morning the 13th.

Third day morning the 13th. Near
the time adjourned to Friends again
assembled.

The names of the repre-
sentatives being called they were present.

It is concluded to reappoint John W. Foster to serve the meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

James H. Inghen on behalf of the Committee at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting - reports, that they have been held to satisfaction, without further remark.

No further business appearing to claim our attention at this time, under a feeling of thankfulness for the unerringly good & successful, we conclude purposing to meet at this place next year if permitted by our Heavenly Father.

John W. Foster clerk

Summary of the answers to the Queries.

Ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, and diligently attend those for discipline & encouraging their families to this duty as we are able. They are careful in the & advice of the gifts to wait for divine ability and are not content with them.

It would appear that their lives and conversation are in a good degree clean and blameless among men, and that they are in unity one with another.

and the meeting then belongs to, endeavoring to
labor harmoniously together for Father's honor.

There is a concern and rejoicing felt that the several
matters alluded to in this query should be observed
and also to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

They are reported to be peace makers in their
families and in the Church, and also to main-
tain the discipline impartially.

1900

At New England Yearly Meeting of Minis-
ters held at Westerly, R.I. 15th of 6th mo. 1900

We have received accounts from Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders reporting the appointment of Jesse
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to represent them in this meeting, who are present.

The Clerk is directed to place the same
with answers therein from Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
and the Clerk is directed to place the same
in records.

We appoint our friends
Geo. Foster, Pres. A. Gardner & James A.
Foster to receive the same & to report the same
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1901.

Western Conference of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island 15th of June 1901.

By an account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders we are informed that the friends appointed to represent them in this meeting are as follows, viz. Job P. Gidley, John W. Foster and Mary A. Gardner, whose names being called, they are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, succeeded by answers from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and the Clerk is directed to place them on record.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting informs us that Lydia F. Nichols has been appointed to the station of an Elder.

George Foster, Lydia F. Nichols and James H. Tucker are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour 3rd day Morning the 18th.

Third day Morning the 18th about the time adjourned to Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives being called, they are present.

It is concluded to reappoint John W. Foster Clerk of this Meeting for the year ensuing.

The committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that they were held in good order, and were seasons of Divine favor.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

Ministers and Elders appear to be careful to attend their Meetings, both for worship and for Discipline encouraging their families in this duty, and it is thought that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability, and are not burdensome. As far as appears the lives and conversation of ministers and elders are, in good measure clean and blameless amongst men, and they are in unity, one with another, and the meeting they belong to, endeavoring to labor harmoniously together for Truth's honor. They are concerned that proper government be maintained in their Houses, and that their families be kept in simplicity and plainness as Truth requires, and are mostly exemplary herein themselves. We trust that they endeavor to be peacemakers as queried after, and desire that the Discipline might be impartially maintained and justice faithfully administered.

We have been favored at both sittings of this Meeting, with the company of dear friends from other Quarterly Meetings, both Ministers and Elders, and the Gospel of Life and Salvation has been preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. And the importance of realizing that all our springs are in the blessed Saviour, whose spirit alone can qualify for the great work of the ministry. Also that whatever our former experience, we have to watch over ourselves lest the unwearied enemy should find an entrance into our hearts.

And the wrestling seed of Jacob were reminded that none of the Lord's dear children ever seek His face in vain. The danger of giving way to discouragement was feelingly alluded to, and all were

encouraged to look alone to Him who is the Shiloh, to whom the gathering of the people is still to be

The business coming before us having now been completed, we conclude, under a grateful sense of the condescending goodness of God in sending His anointed messengers amongst us at this time, to admonish and to comfort our hearts, purposing to meet at this place next year, if permitted by our Heavenly Father.

John W. Foster, Clerk.

1902

At a New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island 7th of 6th month 1902.

Our beloved friend, John W. Foster, who has for a number of years ^{acceptably} served this meeting as Clerk, having been removed by death, Mary H. Gardner is wanted to serve at this sitting.

By an account from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders we are informed that the friends appointed to represent them in this meeting are as follows: George C. Foster and Lydia F. Nichols, whose names being called are present.

The queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which are to be placed on record.

Rhode Island Quarterly forwards the information that George C. Foster and Abby W. Gardner have been appointed to the station of Elder.

James H. Tucker, Job S. Gidney, Lydia F. Nichols and George C. Foster are ap-

desired to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour 3rd day Morning, the 18th

Third day Morning the 19th about the time adjourned to Friends again assembled.

Mary A. Gardner is named to serve as Clerk at this sitting.

The names of the representatives being called one is present.

James H. Tucker in behalf of the Committee appointed at our last sitting to have the oversight of the meetings reports that they have been held in good order, and were felt to be seasons of favor.

We have been favored at this time with the company and services of several dear friends from other Yearly Meetings, which has been very acceptable to us. Gospel Truths have flowed freely in the demonstration of the Spirit - and Power - strengthening and encouraging us to hold on our way. fervent petitions have been put up, humbly craving our preservation and advancement in the way of Life.

Summary of answers to the Queries.

Ministers and Elders appear to be diligent in the attendance of their Meetings both for worship and for discipline, and we trust encourage their families to this duty.

1902.

It is thought that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and are not burdensome. The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be in good degree clean and blameless amongst men and they in unity with each other and the meeting they belong to, also concerned for Truth and Honor. They feel a concern that proper government be maintained in their houses, with the simplicity and plainness that Truth requires and are mostly exemplary herein themselves. Also to promote peace and good order as ever desired, and desire that the Discipline might be impartially maintained and justice faithfully administered.

This Meeting is united in the appointment of Job S. Bidley as Clerk for the ensuing year.

The business which has come before us, having been harmoniously accomplished, under a thankful and grateful sense of unmerited favors, granted in mercy, we solemnly conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year if permitted by our Heavenly Father.

Mary A. Gardner, Clerk for this time.

1903.

New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the
13th of 6th Month 1903.

By an account received from
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and
Elders, the representatives therein named to attend
this meeting are Lydia F. Nichols Abby W. Gardner
and George C. Foster whose names being called they
are present and answered thereto.

The Letters have been read
with answers thereto at this time from Rhode
Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
which are to be placed on record.

We are informed that Sandwich
Quarterly Meeting has united with Dartmouth Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of George H. Gifford to the
station of Elder, and has approved of the gift
and public appearance in the ministry of Seabell
S. Gifford.

James H. Tucker George C. Foster
George H. Gifford and Lydia F. Nichols are
appointed to have the oversight of the several
sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are re-
quested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour Third day
morning.

Third day morning the 16th
about the time adjourned to Friends again
assembled.

Job S. Gidley is named to serve
as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

The names of the representatives being
called they are present.

George H. Gifford and Lydia L. Nichols on behalf of the committee appointed at our last sitting to have an oversight of the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting report that they were held in good order and had been remarkable seasons of Divine favor.

We have been favored at this time with the company and religious labors of dear friends from another Yearly Meeting which have been very acceptable to us. Gospel truths have been presented in the demonstration of spirit and of power.

At times it seemed like a stream to swim in.

We were entreated to submit our necks to the yoke of Christ in all humility of heart and not give way to discouragements, but hold fast that which we have that no man take our crown.

Servant petitions were offered to the Throne of Grace for our preservation and advancement in the Truth.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

Ministers and Elders are careful to attend both meetings for divine worship and for discipline, and encourage their families to this duty.

Ministers are thought to be careful, in the exercise of their gifts, to wait for divine ability and thereby preserve from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are thought to be blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting. They belong to, and endeavor to labor together for the honor of Truth.

We believe that our members endeavor to be exemplary in the several parts of this query.

It is thought that Ministers and Elders labor for peace in families and in the church and also to maintain the discipline.

and administer justice as faithful servants,

The business which has come before us having been completed in harmony, now under a humble sense of gratefulness for the unmerited blessings vouchsafed by the Giver of all good we conclude purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

1904

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westbury R. I. the 11th of 6th Month 1904.

By an account received from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Lydia A. Nichols George C. Foster and Abby W. Gardner, whose names being called they are present and answered thereto.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto, at this time, from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders which are to be placed on record.

We are informed that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah E. Mitchell and Susanna W. Gidley to the station of Elders.

The subject of there being no Select Meetings held within the limits of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting was brought before the meeting at this time. Ministers and Elders of that Quarterly Meeting were encouraged to hold Select Quarterly Meetings.

Abbie W. Gardner, George C. Foster, George H. Gifford and Lydia F. Nichols are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 14th about the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled.

Job S. Gidley is named to serve as clerk of this meeting for the ensuing year.

The names of the representatives being called they are present.

Lydia F. Nichols, Abbie W. Gardner and George C. Foster on behalf of the committee named at our previous sitting report that the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting had been held in good order, were seasons of great favor and they desired that we should be profited thereby.

We have been favored, at this time, with the company and labors of love of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have been enabled, by that power which God alone can give, to speak to our condition words of encouragement and exhortation that we be faithful in the maintaining of the banner of Truth in its ancient purity.

And may we as members of this meeting receive these messages as living bread blessed by the Master of assemblies and handed forth to us that we might be strengthened thereby to feed the flock over which the Holy Spirit hath made us overseers.

1904

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

We believe our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings, both for worship and for discipline, and we trust encourage their families to this duty.

We believe that care is observed to wait for Divine ability in the exercise of a gift in the ministry, and thereby preserved from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless before men. They are in unity one with another, and with the meeting they belong to, and concerned for Truth's honor.

We trust that endeavors are made to answer the requirements of this query, and also to be exemplary in those respects.

We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the church, also to maintain the discipline impartially; and that justice might be faithfully administered.

The business which has come before us having been completed in much harmony, now under a humble sense of thanksgiving to God for the unmerited blessings which He has showered down upon us, and hoping as we separate to return to our several abodes we may gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost, we conclude purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Job H. Gidley Clerk

1905-

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 18th of 6th Mo. 1905.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Lydia A. Nichols and Abby W. Gardner.

From Sandwich Quarterly Sarah E. Mitchell and Job S. Gidley. Whose names being called they are all present.

We are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Charles Perry, Elizabeth P. Foster and Mary J. Foster to the station of Elders.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders.

Summary answers have also been read and the clerk is directed to record the same.

Susanna W. Gidley, Abby W. Gardner, Gery H. Gifford, and James H. Tucker are appointed to have the oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to the 9th hour

Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 18th about the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled.

Job S. Gidley is named to serve this Meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

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The committee named at a previous sitting to report in regard to the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting, feel that they were seasons of refreshing as from the Lord, who in His mercy condescended to be with us each day and watch over us for our good.

We have been reminded that the Lord will not reign in a divided heart, but that our eye must be kept single to Him who is more powerful than all the kingdoms of the world and the glories of them;—and who will be our shield and buckler, and will give us strength to become valiant standard bearers for the Truth. Blessed is that people whose God the Lord is, for thou shalt have no other God but me.

The dear young people are encouraged to fear the Lord and keep His commandments, forsaking the vanities of the world and thus strengthening those who are concerned to bear the ark of the Lord. The world still has need of our principles, and we have been entreated to let our light so shine that others in beholding shall take note that we have been with Jesus, and that our influence for good shall extend in ever wider circles through the years to come, as well as that the marvellous work of grace may be wrought in us, subduing and changing our evil propensities until we become endued, with the gentleness and loving kindness of Christ fitted and prepared for an everlasting inheritance in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

The company and labors of love of our dear Friends from a distant Yearly Meeting have been comforting and encouraging

to our drooping spirits. It almost seems that an angel from heaven had come to stir the waters of our troubled hearts. Oh may we close in with the offers of redeeming love - be cleansed and purified - made fit tabernacles for the Holy Spirit ^{to dwell} in, and become fitted and prepared for the Master's service. And may our dear Friends be enabled to accomplish the work remaining before them and return to their homes bearing sheaves of peace.

The business claiming our attention having been completed in much harmony, now under a grateful sense of thankfulness, to our Heavenly Father for the unmerited mercies which He has, in his condescending love and goodness, been pleased to bestow upon us during the various sittings of our Yearly Meeting, we conclude purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

John S. Gidley Clerk.

Summary Answer of the Queries.

We believe ministers and elders are careful to attend their meetings for divine worship, bringing their families with them. We believe they diligently attend meetings for discipline as ability is afforded encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable. We believe that care is observed to wait for Divine ability in the exercise of a gift in the ministry, and thereby preserved from being burdensome.

We believe the lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men, and are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to, harmoniously laboring together for Virtue's honor. We believe ministers and elders have a concern to rule their own house well, bringing up their families in plainness which

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Truth requires, in dress, language and true moderation and are mostly good examples in those respects themselves.

We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the church; also to maintain the discipline impartially, and that justice might be faithfully administered.

Job S. Gidley Clerk

1906

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 19th of 6th Month 1906.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarterly - Lydia F. Nichols and Abby W. Gardner.

From Sandwich Quarterly - James H. Lucker George H. Gifford, Susanna W. Gidley and Deabelle L. Gifford. Whose names being called they are all present but one.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. Summary answers have also been read and the clerk is directed to record the same.

Susanna W. Gidley, Charles Perry, Lydia F. Nichols Elizabeth P. Foster and George H. Gifford are appointed to have an oversight of the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting. Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 12th about the time
 adjourned & Friends again assembled.

Job S. Kidley is named to serve this
 Meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee named at a previous
^{to have an oversight}
 sitting of this Meeting make the following report:-

"While those who have been gathered at a Yearly
 Meeting have been very few as to the outward, and feel-
 ing that of ourselves we can accomplish no good
 thing, yet from time to time strength has been
 vouchsafed, and the different sittings have
 been seasons of favor. For it is not by might
 nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord."

We have been reminded of the necessity of being
 in the humble, repentant frame of mind of the prodigal
 son when he returned to his father's house.

And we have been called upon to realize
 that there is bread enough to satisfy all hun-
 gering souls, if we ask aright, coming in faithful
 obedience to our Heavenly Father.

And Friends have been entreated to bring
 all their tithes into the storehouse. Prove me now
 therewith saith the Lord, if I will not pour you
 out a blessing until there is not room to receive it,
 and again, "Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner
 stone, elect and precious; and he that believeth on
 Him shall not be confounded"

The Scriptures have been expounded
 to our admiration and we were exhorted to
 gather up the fragments that remain that
 nothing be lost."

The dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings
 who are with us; we feel have been led this way, at this
 time, by the drawing cords of our Heavenly Father's
 love. Their encouraging words have been as a brook
 by the way.

Oh, may the good seed sown take a deep root in our hearts and bring forth fruit to the glory of the Great Husbandman.

The business claiming our attention having been completed in much harmony we feel to render thanksgiving to Our Heavenly Father for the unmerited blessings which He has vouchsafed.

We now conclude purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John S. Gidley Clarke

Summary Answered to the Queries.

Our members endeavor to be diligent in the attendance of meetings both for worship and discipline, when of ability to do so, also encouraging their families to this duty. More concern to attend week-day meetings would be desirable.

Ministers, we believe, in the exercise of their gifts, are concerned to wait for Divine guidance and the influencing of the Holy Spirit and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of the members of this meeting are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to harmoniously laboring for truth and honor.

Want of care is apparent in regard to the requirements of this query.

We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the Church and to maintain the discipline impartially, and faithfully administer justice.

John S. Gidley Clarke

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 8th of 6th Mo. 1907.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders it appears that the following named friends were appointed to represent them at this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarter - Lydia H. Nichols and Mary P. Foster.

From Sandwich Quarter - James H. Tucker and Sarah E. Mitchell, whose names being called they are all present.

The queries have been read at this time, with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A summary of the answers has also been read and the clerk is directed to record the same.

Susanna M. Lidley, Elizabeth P. Foster, Mary P. Foster, and Abby W. Gardner are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 11th about the time adjourned to Friends again assembled.

Job A. Lidley is named to serve this Meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee named at a previous sitting to have an oversight of the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

Although we met in great weakness, our Master has condescended to be with us, Himself, and has brought a number of His faithful servants to cheer our hearts and to encourage us to do our duty.

The sittings of our Yearly Meeting, we believe, have been held with our Heavenly Father's help. We have had our attention called to the danger of unbelief.

and to the blessings of faithfulness.

We trust that the Truth which we have had handed out to us will be made to draw us nearer and nearer to our Heavenly Father and that we may hold on to do His will.

All of our dear Friends who are with us, at this time, ^{from other Yearly Meetings} not only by their solid deportment, but also by the good tidings which they have handed forth to us by and through the Holy Spirit have been like a brook in a desert land.

We have been cautioned not to depart from our first love. Oh may we all take heed to this lest our candlestick be removed out of its place.

"Love it thou the more than these" was very feelingly alluded to and was brought very close to us.

We were also encouraged to put our trust alone in the Most High.

We feel to render thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for all the unmerited mercies that He has vouchsafed unto us, at this time, and feel to say in the language of Holy Writ,

"Great and marvellous are thy works Lord God Almighty, just and true are all thy ways thou King of Saints."

We now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John S. Gidley Clerk

Summary Answer to the Queries,

Our members, who are able to do so, are careful to attend our meetings for Divine worship bringing their families with them. They diligently attend meetings for discipline, encouraging their families to this duty also.

We believe that ministers are concerned to wait for Divine guidance and the influencing of the Holy Spirit in the exercise of a gift in the ministry and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men. There are in unity one with another and with the meeting they belong to harmoniously laboring together for truth's honor.

Our members, we believe, endeavor to rule their own houses uprightly and are concerned to bring up their families in true moderation and the plainness that truth requires and are good examples in these respects themselves.

We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the church and to maintain the discipline impartially and faithfully administer justice.

Job S. Ledy Clerk.

1908.

St. New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 6th of 6th Mo. 1908.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings ^{of Ministers and Elders} it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Lydia F. Nichols Charles Perry and Mary J. Foster.

From Sandwich Quarterly Sarah E. Mitchell Job S. Gidley and James H. Luckie whose names being called they are all present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A Summary of the answers has also been read and the clerk is directed to read the same.

Charles Perry, Abby W. Gardner, Jonathan Chace and Mary J. Foster are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting. Adjourned to 9 1/2 o'clock Third Day morning.

Third day morning the 9th about the time to which the Meeting adjourned Friends again assembled.

Job S. Gidley is named to serve this meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee named at a previous sitting to have an oversight of the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report. We have to acknowledge the great overshadowing of Divine Goodness in overshadowing us and qualifying us for precious silent worship as well as some vocal listening and solemn supplication.

We have been reminded by one of our number that her mind had gone back to the time when our fellow men were held in bondage. It was their desire to have good masters, but some of them were cruelly treated. These had not the right to choose for themselves. The privilege of choosing is now given to us. Have we made a wise choice and are we serving the good Master?

May we ever choose the right as it is made known to us. We have been ^{greatly} favored throughout the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting and have been enabled to transact the business coming before us with great forbearance and love and we hope to the honor of Truth, which is cause for great thankfulness.

No further business coming before us we now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

For S. Lidley Clerk

Summary. Answers to the Queries.

Our members who are able to do so, are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all our meetings both for worship and discipline, and we trust encourage their families to this duty also.

Ministers we believe in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to wait for Divine guidance and the anointing of the Holy Spirit and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

One Report states that there are no recorded ministers in that particular meeting. The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting they bring to harmoniously laboring for Truth's honor.

Our members, we believe, rule their own houses uprightly, and are concerned to bring up their families in true moderation and the plainness that Truth requires and are good examples in these respects themselves. We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the Church and to maintain the discipline impartially, and that justice might be faithfully administered.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

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A New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 5th of 6th mo. 1909.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarter, Lydia F. Nichols, Abby W. Gardner, Charles Perry and Elizabeth P. Foster.

From Sandwich Quarter Susanna W. Gidley, Job S. Gidley, Sarah E. Mitchell and James H. Zuber. Whose names being called they are all present but two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A Summary of the answers has also been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Charles Perry, Abby W. Gardner, Mary P. Foster, Susanna W. Gidley and Lydia F. Nichols

are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Third day morning.

Third-day morning the 8th about the time to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

Job S. Lidley is reappointed to serve this meeting as clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee named at a previous sitting of the meeting to have an oversight of the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

As we came together, bowed down under a sense of weakness and inefficiency, our supplication was unto the Lord of Hosts that He would arise for our help. 'Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He will sustain thee' are words of comfort that have sustained many a drooping spirit; and as we became sensible of the overshadowing presence of the Most High, the words 'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in Thee'; were feelingly and encouragingly brought to our attention.

Dedicated servants from other Yearly Meetings have been moved to come and sit with us, and to admonish us to know of our day's work keeping keeping pace with the day; realizing that, of a truth, when the night cometh, no man can work.

We have been tenderly entreated to bear the cross of Christ, thus becoming his disciples, and though it be heavy in our human measure, unless we become willing to bear it,

we shall not be worthy to wear the crown immortal. Therefore, in humble submission may we be brought to feel our great unworthiness and our dependence, as little children on the Saviors love until we may be enabled to enter the kingdom of Heaven."

We have been favored at both sittings of this meeting with the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings. The gospel of life and salvation has been preached in demonstration of the spirit and of power. We were reminded that all of our fresh springs are in the blessed Savior who alone can qualify for the great work of the ministry, and we were encouraged to look unto Him who is the Shiloh to whom the gathering of the people must ever be.

The business coming before ^{us} now being completed, we conclude, with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father in sending His anointed messengers to admonish and comfort us, purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

For S. Tidley Clerk

Summary Answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all our meetings both for worship and for discipline, and we trust encourage their families to this duty also.

Ans. 2nd. Ministers, we believe, in the exercise of their gifts, are concerned to be obedient to Divine guidance and to labor only in the ability vouchsafed by our Holy Teachers. One report states that there are no Friends occupying the station of minister in our meeting.

Ans. 3rd. The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and are concerned for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th. Our members, we believe, endeavor to rule their own houses well, and are concerned to bring up their families in true moderation and in plainness that Truth requires, and are thought to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th. We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the church, and to maintain the discipline impartially and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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Job S. Liddy Clerk.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 4th of 6th Mo. 1910

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers ^{and Elders}, it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarterly Lydia F. Nichols, Charles Perry and Abby W. Gardner.

From Sandwich Quarterly, Susanna W. Gidley, Isabelle S. Gifford and James H. Tucker.

whose names being called they are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The queries have been read, at this time, with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A Summary of the answers has also been read and the clerk is directed to record the same. Charles Perry, Abby W. Gardner, Lydia F. Nichols & Jonathan Chase are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock Third Day morning.

Third-day morning the 7th about the time to which the meeting adjourned Friends again assembled.

J. B. S. Ridley is reappointed to serve this Meeting as Clerk for the ensuing year.

One of the committee named at a previous sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

"The various sittings of the Yearly Meeting have been held, we believe, to the honor of Truth, and the several messages handed forth have been to our edification and instruction. We have listened to the unfoldings of gospel truths in a way which should lead us to ask ourselves if we are doing our best to follow in the footsteps of Him who suffered for us on Calvary, and died that we might live."

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The business claiming our attention has been completed in much harmony, and we feel to render thanksgiving and praise to our Father in Heaven for the manifold blessings which He hath bestowed upon us at this time.

We now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will
Joh S. Gidley Clerk.

1911

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 3rd of 6th Mo, 1911.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, it appears that the following named Friends were appointed to represent them in this Meeting.

From Rhode Island Quarterly, Abby W. Gardner and Mary J. Foster.

From Sandwich Quarterly Sarah E. Mitchell, Mary E. Foster, Joh S. Gidley, and James W. Oliver whose names being called they are all present.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A Summary of the answers has also been read and the clerk is directed to record the same.

Charles Perry, Mary E. Foster, Horace B. Foster, and Abby W. Gardner, are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.
Adjourned to 9 1/2 o'clock Third Day morning.

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Third Day morning the 6th at about the time to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled, Job S. Gidley is reappointed to serve this Meeting as clerk for the ensuing year,

The committee named at a previous sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the Yearly Meeting make the following report:-

"We feel that the several sessions of the Yearly Meeting have been favored seasons, and much good counsel has been handed forth by dedicated servants, who have been led to come and minister to us in our low estate.

The Holy Scriptures have been opened and explained in our hearing and we hope the good seed sown has not fallen on barren ground but may take root down and bear fruit upward to our edification and instruction.

And it is with feelings of gratitude that we have been favored to transact the business that has come before us with gravity and christian dignity as becomes our high and holy profession.

The company and gospel labors of those from other parts of the Lord's vineyard have been comforting and edifying to us, and we crave that the labors bestowed may incite to renewing or making covenant with a covenant keeping God to a dedication and close walk in an endeavor to uphold the principles and testimonies given to us as a people to uphold, and that the lukewarm and indifferent be aroused from their lethargy and conclude like Joshua of old "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

The business claiming our attention having been completed, we trust in accordance with the will of Him with whom we have to do.

We feel to render thanksgiving unto God for the strength which He has given us, and for the unmerited mercies and blessings which He has vouchsafed unto us at this time.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Job S. Lidley Clerk.

* Information is received from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that it has approved the action of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster and John H. Foster to the station of Elders, and also unites with the action taken by said Monthly Meeting in the approval of the public appearance in the Ministry of Mary C. Foster, Francis T. Guindon and James W. Oliver.

Summa Answer to the Queries:

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings both for worship and for discipline, and we trust encourage their families to this duty also.

Ans. 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts, are concerned to wait for Divine guidance and to labor only in the ability given by the Great Head of the Church. Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong.

and are concerned for Truth's honor.
Ans. 4th. Our members are concerned to
dwell in love, true moderation and the plain-
ness that truth requires, and are thought
to be, in a good degree, exemplary in these
respects themselves. Ans. 5th. We believe that
a concern is felt by our members to ba-
tise for peace in families and in the
Church and to maintain the Discipline
impartially, and that justice may be faithfully
administered.

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44 New England Yearly Meeting of
Ministers ^{and Elders} held at Westerly Rhode Island the
8th of Sixth Month 1912.

By accounts received from Rhode
Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
of Ministers and Elders it appears that the
following named Friends were appointed to
represent them in this Meeting

From Rhode Island Quarterly, Charles Perry,
Anna H. Chace, Eunice B. Nichols, and Mary J. Foster,

From Sandwich Quarterly, Isabel S. Gifford,
James W. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, and James H. Tucker
whose names being called they are all present but
two.

Information is received from Rhode Island
Quarterly Meeting that it has united in the action
of South Kingstown Monthly ^{Meeting} in the appointment
of Anna H. Chace, Anna O. Foster, Eunice B. Nichols
and Anna A. Gardner to the station of Elder.

The Queries have been read at this
time with answers thereto from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders; a Summary of the answers has
also been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

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Mary J. Foster, Charles Perry, James W. Oliver and Mary C. Foster are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9½ o'clock. Third Day morning

Third Day morning the 11th at about the time to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

It is concluded to reappoint Job S. Gidley Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The committee named at a previous sitting of this Meeting make the following report.

We have been favored, at this time, with the company of a number of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, both ministers and elders and the Gospel of Life and Salvation has been preached to us in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. The importance of realizing that ~~that~~ all our springs are in the blessed Saviour, whose Spirit alone can qualify for the great work of the ministry, has been clearly set forth by these baptized servants who are so cheerfully making the sacrifice necessary - when commanded to go out into the little vineyards and work among plants which have suffered from neglect, as we have been forcibly reminded.

We feel that it is in unmerited mercy that we have not been cut off from such reviving influences, and crave that these dressers in the Lord's garden who have been entrusted to dig about us, and prune among us may not have labored in vain.

The authorized vocal teaching during our several sittings, has been encouraging and comforting. But some among us feel to

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acknowledge the teaching also, of the mighty and dignified Silence which has been precious to us.

The business claiming our attention having been completed in harmony and we trust in accordance with the will of Him with whom we have to do, and it is with feelings of thankfulness to our Father in Heaven that we have been privileged thus to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The living spiritual streams of love seemed to have been enlarged into rivers in which we could swim, making us to realize, in a measure, what it means to be baptized into the name and power of Jesus Christ.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John S. Gidley Clerk.

Summary Answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings, both for worship and for discipline and we trust encourage their families to this duty also when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to wait for Divine guidance, and labor only in the ability given by the great Head of the Church.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong; and are concerned for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th Our members are concerned to dwell in love, true moderation and the plainness that Truth requires and are thought to be in a good degree exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in our families and in the Church, and to maintain the Discipline impartially, and that justice may be faithfully administered.

New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 7th of Sixth Month 1913

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Anna A. Gardner, Mrs C. Foster, Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, James W. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Isabel S. Gifford, Mary C. Foster and Sarah E. Mitchell whose names being called they are all present but one.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders. A Summary of the answers has also been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Mary C. Foster, James W. Oliver, Charles Perry, and Mary E. Foster are appointed to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and they are requested to report at our next sitting. Adjourned to 9¹/₂ o'clock Third Day Morning.

Third Day morning the 10th at about the time to which this Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

It is concluded to re-appoint Job S. Gidley Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

"With grateful hearts we feel to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father who has remembered us in our low estate.

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We have realized afresh, His tender care in sending both servants and handmaidens amongst us, who have been privileged to hand forth the sustaining bread of life to hungering and thirsting souls, which, at times, have been drooping by the way. We read when an holy one from heaven cried aloud in vision, 'Hew down the tree and cut off his branches', it also said, 'nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, and let it be wet with the dew of heaven to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth'.

If this is symbolical of our scattered Society, perchance the stump of its roots (or principles) which remain, will be sustained by the watering received and possibly new shoots may spring up, which, in time, shall become as strong and useful as those which have been cut down.

These favors seem to call for something at our hands, and the query of the Psalmist has revived 'What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits towards me?' and we have desired that our answer might be like his, - that we may accept the cup of salvation and in true and living faith call upon the name of the Lord, and pay our vows unto Him, Even the Most High in the presence of His people."

We have been favored, at this time, with the company of dear friends from other Yearly Meetings who have brought us comfort and good cheer.

May their words of ~~exhortation~~ exhortation, counsel and encouragement sink deep into our every heart, that ~~we~~ we may drink in to its fullness all that has been done for us; and may be ^{we} ^{so} strengthened as to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

And may these ^{dear} Friends who are with us return to their
several homes with sheaves of peace.

The business claiming our attention
being completed we conclude purposing to meet,
at this place, at the usual time next year
if consistant with the Divine Will.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

Summary Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to
be diligent in the attendance of all their
meetings both for worship and for disci-
pline, when not prevented by distance or other
unavoidable circumstances, and we trust en-
courage their families to this duty also.

Ans. 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gift are
concerned to wait for Divine guidance and
labor only in the ability given by the Great Head
of the Church.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our mem-
bers are thought to be, in a good degree, clean
and blameless amongst men. They are in unity
one with another and with the meeting to which
they belong and are concerned for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th We trust that endeavors are made by our
members to dwell in love, true moderation and
the plainness that Truth requires and are thought
to be, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects them-
selves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by our members
to labor for peace in families and in the church,
and to maintain the Discipline impartially, and
that justice may be faithfully administered.

1914

St. New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 6th of Sixth Month 1914.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Anna A. Gardner, Annie C. Foster, Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, James H. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Prabel L. Gifford, Horace B. Foster, and James H. Tucker, whose names being called they are all present but one.

The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, together with a Summary which the Clerk is directed to record.

James H. Tucker, Mary E. Foster, Prabel L. Gifford, Charles Perry, and Mary C. Foster, are appointed a committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock Third Day Morning.

Third Day Morning the 9th at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

It having been proposed that Job S. Gidley should be reappointed Clerk of this Meeting for the ensuing year it was united with and he is continued in that service.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

Having the company of a number of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, the condition of our Meeting has been fully entered into by them, and the Gospel of Life and Salvation has been preached to us in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power. The importance of realizing that all our Springs are in the blessed Saviour whose Spirit alone can qualify and prepare us for work and service in His Church, has been clearly

set forth by these baptised servants who are so cheerfully making the sacrifice necessary when commanded to go out into the little vineyards and labor among plants which have from neglect become unfruitful.

We have been made to feel again and yet again that it is in unmerited mercy that we have not been entirely cut off from such reviving influences, and we have craved that those dressed in the Lord's garden who have been entrusted to dig about us and prune amongst us may not have labored in vain. We have also desired that our spirits may be humbled as well as comforted by comparison with the Abidianites, for was not the cause of their diminished numbers unfaithfulness? Most tenderly and encouragingly have our dear young people been shown that the way to win an everlasting crown that fadeth not away, is to submit to the refining and purifying influence of Divine Grace in each individual heart, that ~~trusting~~ ^{by} trusting this tender and susceptible to the gentle touches and pleading of their Saviors they will know more and more of the great inward work of growing from stature to stature until they attain to the full grown man in Christ Jesus.

We were shown that it is impossible for ~~us~~ ^{us} to attempt to hold on to the world with one hand and the Kingdom of God with the other, ^{for} we cannot serve two masters.

The authorized vocal teaching during the several sittings of the Meeting has been encouraging and comforting, but some amongst us feel & acknowledge that the teaching also of the weighty and dignified silence which has been precious to us, and we have felt to plead in the language, "Create in me a clean heart O God! and renew a right spirit within me." And we can also feel that we can with one accord, "Praise God and take fresh courage." The business claiming our attention being completed we conclude our sittings to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Josh. S. Bidley, Clerk.

Summary. Answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st. Our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings both for worship and for discipline, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances, and we trust encourage their families to this duty also.

Ans. 2nd. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to wait for Divine guidance and labor on in the ability given by the Great Head of the Church.

Ans. 3rd. The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong and are concerned for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th. We trust that endeavors are made by our members to dwell in love, true moderation and the plainness that Truth requires, and are thought to be, in a good degree exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th. We believe that a concern is felt by our members to labor for peace in families and in the church, and to maintain the Discipline impartially, and that justice may be faithfully administered.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island 6th Month
5th 1915.

By accounts received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders the representatives therein named to
attend this Meeting are Amos C. Foster, Eunice B.
Nichols Anna A. Farnner, Isabel L. Gifford, Mary
C. Foster, James W. Oliver, and Job S. Gidley whose
names being called they are all present. But two of
for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was
given.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode
Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders together with a Summary which is
thought to describe our present state have been
read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster ^{Mary C. Foster} and Eunice B. Foster.
are appointed a committee to have an oversight
of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they
are requested to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 1/2 o'clock Third Day Morn-
ing.

Third Day Morning the 8th at about the
time to which the Meeting was adjourned
Friends again assembled.

It being proposed that Job S. Gidley
be reappointed Clerk of this Meeting, it was
united with, and he to continue in that
service for the ensuing year.

The Committee appointed at the first
sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight
of the different sittings of the Yearly Meet-
ing make the following report:-

During the various sittings, we have been sensible of the condescending and uniting influence of our Heavenly Father's love, and as unworthy as we feel of this greatest of all mercies and blessings, the desire is, "Lord increase our faith". The Gospel messages of dedicated ones, have reminded us that the daily cross of Christ must be borne to entitle us to the blessing - and from the bended knee have arisen humble petitions to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, for a renewal and a continuance of this precious spirit of Truth - manifesting in us its work by clean hearts and a renewal of a right spirit within us, each one pressing on reaching their right appointment, making of a little band, like a city set upon a hill.

The necessity of frequently and reverently perusing the Holy Scriptures was pointed out, and the advantage the dear children would reap, by early calling their attention to its precious precepts and promises, exciting in them a love, which will strengthen with their years.

In view of our stripped and peeled condition, and the many deficiencies among us; our minds have been deeply exercised and the language of some of our hearts has been, - "Spare thy people O, Lord! and give not thine heritage to reproach".

The present has been a season of deep abasement with some of us, a day of clouds and thick darkness; and we have been made anewly sensible, that, unless the Light of the Lord shine round about our tabernacle, we cannot journey forward, or do any good thing that will advance

the cause of Truth; and an earnest solicitude has prevailed, that we might, individually, come down in the spirit of our minds, to the only source of help, that we may honour Him, to be our leader, and director; that all things may be done to His honor and glory. We were tenderly exhorted not to glory in any of our supposed attainments, but in humbleness of heart, to wait at His foot-stool until we could give all the glory and praise unto Him, who, alone, is worthy. Other messages of instruction and encouragement were dispensed to us, by baptised servants, who, have cheerfully responded to the call, when commanded to leave all, and go forth to distant parts, in the love of the Gospel. The language which wells up in our hearts for there is, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters". While it has been theirs to scatter precious seed, the reaping must be ours; - the gathered harvest, will be such as the soil of our hearts can yield.

While acknowledging, that the Spoken Word, has reached responses; in our hearts; we would not forget the service of dignified silence, from some, who have travelled so far, to meet and mingle with our little company.

The business, claiming our attention, having been completed, we now conclude, proposing to meet, at this place, at the usual time, next year, if consistent with the Divine Will,

John S. Gidley Clerk.

Summary Answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to be diligent in their attendance of all their meetings for Divine worship, and are generally in attendance of those for discipline; and we trust encourage their families to this duty also, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to wait for Divine guidance, and to labor only in the ability given by the Great Head of the Church. On account of this there are no friends in our meeting occupying the station as ministers.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our members, are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst ~~amongst~~ men, and are concerned to be in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong striving for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th We trust that our members are concerned to dwell together in love, true moderation and the plainness that Truth requires, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by our members, to labor for peace in families and in the church, to maintain the discipline impartially, not to screen their own families therefrom and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 3rd of Sixth Month 1916

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Amos C. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Eunice B. Nichols, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Beabel S. Gifford and James H. Tucker, whose names being called all are present.

The Quirre with answer thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders together with a summary which is thought to be descriptive of our present state, have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the summary.

Mary J. Foster, Horace B. Foster, Charles Perry, Mary C. Foster and James W. Oliver are appointed a committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock Third-day morning.

Third Day Morning the 6th at about the hour to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired.

Job S. Gidley was reappointed Clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to have an oversight of the sittings of the Yearly Meeting may thankfully report that the duties and responsibilities which weigh upon them at the time when our membership come together in annual assembly have seemed lessened, as we have been refreshed by water from that Living Fountain of pure water and fed with the Bread of Life which cometh down

from Heaven, the very crumbs of which strengthen and nourish souls hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

We have been admonished to be faithful to our testimonies, and loyal to the gifts and talents intrusted to our care. Also reminded, again and again, by the living testimonies that have been handed forth by the Great Master of assemblies, through exercised messengers, of the necessity for a closer watching and waiting for His direction.

His instruments can do nothing for the saving of a soul or give a ransom for another, ~~but~~ must be by cooperating with that which is manifested to each individual, and one for one, must know this for himself or herself.

We have been made to feel that it is only by faithfulness any advancement can be made in the spiritual journey, not the traditions of our fathers but a living faith in Him who alone can point the way, and who will give sufficient strength to perform all that is asked for aright. The promise will not fail any!

We have been encouraged to be more exercised with; "Search me O God and know my heart" and to see to it that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts are acceptable to Him with whom we have to do.

For the unmerited mercies and blessings of these favored sessions may we be willing to "publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works" to the children of men.

We have with us at this time Benjamin P. Brown a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from North Carolina with Joseph Loeckle of New Jersey as his companion, John C. Hall a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with John Doudna as his companion, both of Ohio.

and Thomas Fisher of Pennsylvania. Their Gospel labors and solid deportment have been a strength and an encouragement to us. May God bless and strengthen them for their further labors in His vineyard and may each of them receive his penny.

The business claiming our attention having been completed in love and harmony we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Jos S. Gidley Clerk.

Summary Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Our members, we believe are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings both for divine worship and for discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd. Ministers, we believe, in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome. One account states there are no Friends occupying the station of minister in our meeting at the present time.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our members, are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and are striving for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 4th We trust that endeavors are made by our members to rule their own houses well, and that they are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and true moderation, and endeavor to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by ministers and Elders to labor for peace in families and in the Church, and to maintain the discipline impartially and not screen their own families therefrom, and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island
the 2nd of the Sixth Month 1917.

By accords received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders the representatives therein named
to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Eunice B.
Nichols, Amos C. Foster, David S. Gifford, Mary C.
Foster, James H. Tucker, and James W. Oliver
whose names being called, all are present but one
for whose absence a satisfactory reason was
given.

The queries with answers thereto from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
of Ministers and Elders together with a Summary
which is thought to be descriptive of our present state
have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the
same.

Eunice B. Nichols, Mary C. Foster, James
W. Oliver and Francis L. Guindon are appointed
a committee to have an oversight of the different
sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report
at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 5th at about the time
to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again
assembled. The time for which the Clerk of this
Meeting was appointed having expired Job S. Gidley
is reappointed Clerk for the ensuing year or till an-
other appointment.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the ^{various} sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report: "A concern has been felt for us to dwell where we may know a closer walk to known duty. The various epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been of unusual interest. One and all breathing the united sentiments of Peace on earth and good will to all men"

The times loudly call for strong men and strong women willing to let their light so shine that it may be known by all men that it stands for righteousness.

We have fewer visiting ministers than usual but the gospel message has sounded just as clearly and our young people have been encouraged to apply diligently to the Helper of the helpless for strength for whatever is in store for them to do either to suffer or to stand still and know that the Lord, fear thou not what man may do unto thee. The strength and firmness of our forefathers have been clearly set before us, as worthy examples to follow. "Yet if we love not him whom we have seen how can we love Him whom we have not seen?" We have with us, at this time, Sybil J. Barker a minister of the gospel from North Carolina and her husband Solomon E. Barker as her companion also Thomas C. Hogue from Pennsylvania. The company and gospel labors of these dear Friends have been to us as a brook by the way. May God bless and strengthen them for the further work He has for them to do, and may the visited be encouraged to greater faithfulness and double our diligence and make our calling and election sure.

The business claiming our attention, having been completed in love and harmony we now conclude for this time at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Summary Answer to the Queries,

Ans. 1st Our members are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings for Divine worship, and are generally in attendance of those for discipline; and we trust encourage their families to this duty also, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstance,

Ans. 2nd. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are concerned to wait for Divine guidance, and to labor only in the ability given by the Great Head of the Church. - One account state, There are no friends in our meeting occupying the station of minister,

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of our members are thought to be, in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men, and are concerned to be in unity one with another and to the meeting to which they belong striving for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th We trust that our members are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to dwell together in love, true moderation and the plainness that Truth requires, and to be exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by our members, to labor peace in families and in the church, to maintain the discipline impartially, not to screen their own families therefrom and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 8th of 6th Mo. 1918.

By accounts received from Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Horace B. Foster, Isabel L. Gifford, James W. Oliver, Eunice B. Nichols, Charles Perry, and Anne C. Foster, whose names being called, all are present but two.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, together with a Summary which is thought to describe our present state have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

We appoint our Friends Horace B. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Charles Perry, Mary C. Foster and Job S. Gidley a committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day Morning.

Third day morning the 11th at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting was appointed having expired it was concluded to reappoint Job S. Gidley Clerk for the ensuing year or till another appointment.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report:

It was felt that a precious canopy of God's love overspread the various sittings of the Yearly Meeting and the consciousness of the need of a strong Arm upon which to lean was voiced again and again from the benched knees. And while it is good and incumbent for us to feel our dependence and our need; it is also as necessary for us to wait quietly and patiently the Master's own time to slay the oppression that the oppressed may go forth to praise Him who is - in His own way trying the hearts of the humble contrite ones.

Our responsibility as individuals - always to set a good example and to be kindly helpful to all was brought earnestly to our attention. And that human lives are interwoven making an intricate pattern. We cannot live to ourselves. We must be in the world but not of the world. Each one of us has a small part of the pattern to make. It is our fault if it is spoiled or incomplete. But regardless of the huge mistakes made by individuals - the great plan of God goes on; it may be interrupted but it cannot be stopped. We must expect to be tried, oppressed, tempted, but must not be discouraged, but carry forward the message of love to a weary world. And love may be compared to a chain binding the whole world together, each person being a link. Are we trying to keep our links bright?

The beauty of dedication and fullness of consecrated lives to the dear Master has been represented in full measure and we trust the resolve "Let others do as they may as for me and

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my house we will serve the Lord" has been strengthened, and while we have a lively hope and a firm belief in the Saviors mediation, we must, comply with the terms, become as little children - be like passive clay in ~~his~~ moulding hand. We feel that we have been bountifully fed with food from the Masters table and as we are soon to separate may our eyes be kept single that our bodies may be full of light.

The business claiming our attention has been completed in love and harmony and we now conclude for posing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

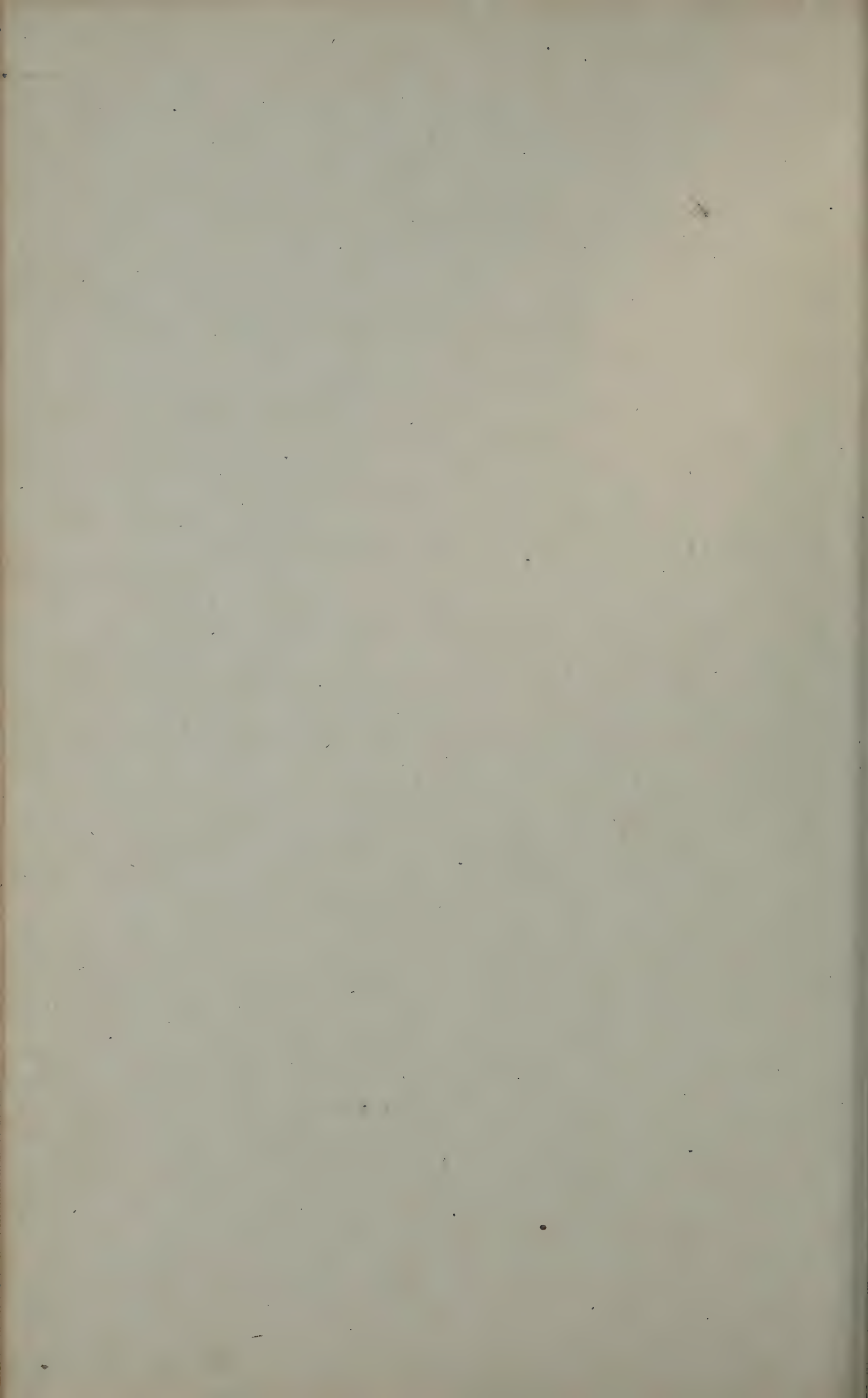
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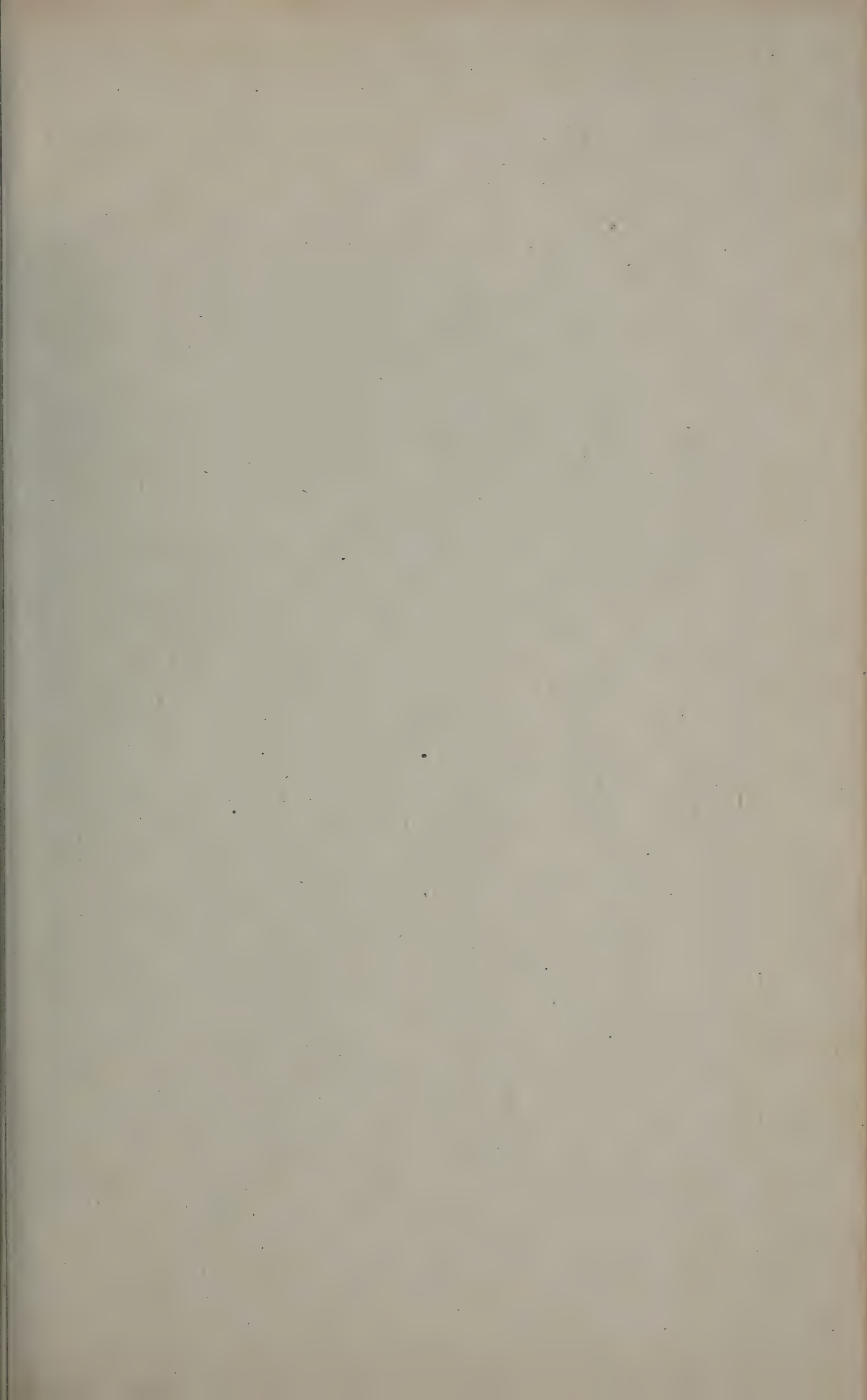
At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the 7th of Sixth Month 1919.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Hannah W. Webster, Amos O. Foster, Horace B. Foster, Seabel L. Gifford, Mary C. Foster and James H. Tucker whose names being called they are all present but two.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of ^{and Elders} Ministers, together with a summary which is thought to be descriptive of our present state have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

We appoint our Friends Horace B. Foster Mary C. Foster, James H. Oliver and Anna A. Gardner to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting.





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and they are to report at our next sitting.
Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day morning,

Third Day morning the 10th at about the
time to which the meeting was adjourned
Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerk of this Meeting
was appointed having expired it was concluded
to reappoint Job S. Gidley for Clerk and to appoint
James W. Oliver for Assistant Clerk for the
ensuing year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting
of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different
sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report,

As we assembled in our annual gathering, we were
soon sensible of the overshadowing of Divine goodness
drawing us closer to one another and tendering our hearts
preparing us for the reception of the spiritual food that was
handed forth by several of the Lords servants. Much
pertinent counsel was bestowed and many petitions
ascended to the throne of grace.

The condition of those present was spoken to on this wise,
"We are all blended together, high and low, rich and poor,
bond and free, but all are one in Christ Jesus."

We have been refreshed and must acknowledge the
bountiful gifts that have been dispensed, from time to time,
and own that God is good to those who sincerely wait upon
Him in the silence of all flesh.

The exercise of the anointed and the appointed has
been for each one of us, for ourselves to have a closer walk
with God whether it be in heights or depths, suffering or rejoicing,
tribulation or death, for if any attempt to enter into the kingdom
by any other way than by Christ the door are robbed and
must of necessity miss that precious promise, "Where I
am there shall my servant be," and that promise is
the same yesterday today and forever.

Verily leads to oneness and that oneness is Christ.
 the seal the fullness of the Gospel dispensation.
 Our youth have lovingly reminded of their opportunities
 and also of their responsibilities, to be willing to acknowledge
 their Saviour before men by taking up the daily cross
 and follow on in the path that leads to peace.

The business of the Meeting was transacted in much harmony
 and concordance, and to hear the voices of our younger mem-
 bers was especially encouraging.

We have with us, at this time, Cyrus Cooper and
 Mary J. Edgerton from Ohio Yearly Meeting, Rebecca
 Mikel and her companions Ester Queen and wife Jane
 Queen from Canada Yearly Meeting, and George M. Warren
 and William B. Harvey from Philadelphia yearly
 Meeting. These dear Friends coming to us under
 the constraining and restraining power of God
 have been to us a blessing by the way.

We, with them have been partakers of the living
 bread that cometh down from heaven, and have
 been given to drink of that living water that pro-
 ceedeth out of the throne of God and the Lamb.

Good seed surely has been sown, may it take
 deep root in our every heart and bring forth
 much fruit in honor of the Great Husbandman.

No further business claiming our attention
 we now conclude purposing to meet at this place
 at the usual time next year if consistent with
 the Divine Will.

For S. Gidley Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders, we believe are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings both for Worship and Discipline when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances, and we trust encourage their families to this duty also.

Ans. 2nd. We believe that ministers, in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd. The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are thought to be, in a good degree clean and blameless amongst men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and labor together for Truths honor.

Ans. 4th. We believe that Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own houses well, and to bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires and are, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th. We believe that Ministers and Elders have a concern to labor for peace in our families and in the church, are desirous to maintain the discipline and not screen their own families therefrom and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders held at Westerly R. I.
the 8th of 6th Mo. 1920

By accounts received ^{from} Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of
Ministers and Elders the representatives
therein named to attend this Meeting
are Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, Hannah
W. Webster, Anna A. Gardner, Mary C. Foster,
Mary J. Cope, Horace B. Foster and James H. Tucker
whose names being called all are present.

The Queries with answers thereto from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
of Ministers and Elders together with a summary,
which is thought to describe our present state
have been read and the Clerk is directed to record
the summary.

We appoint Eunice B. Nichols, Mary C. Foster
and James W. Oliver to have an oversight of the
the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and
they are to report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day
morning.

Third Day morning the 8th at
about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned
Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting
were appointed having expired, it was concluded
to reappoint Jos. S. Gidley for Clerk and
James W. Oliver for Assistant Clerk for the
ensuing year or till others are appointed.

The committee appointed at the first sit-
ting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the
different sittings of the Yearly Meeting
make the following report,

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"On assembling ourselves together again our minds have been exercised that the Great Master's cause might not be dishonored, and we trust that we are humbly thankful that the Giver of all good has sent so large a number of His devoted servants to us at this time who have tenderly reminded us of the need of a deeper love of, of a clearer sight of and a closer walk with our dear Saviour.

The beauty of, and ^{the} importance of being in a child like state has been livingly opened up to our view; and that ^{it} is the meek that He will teach of His ways and guide in His paths.

It was very natural for a certain mother to be exercised for her children's eternal welfare, but she was told that there was a price to pay, and there is no new way to point out, no new gospel to preach that to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams. We are not left without the true knowledge of the way in which we should go, for so great is the wondrous love of our Heavenly Father that every one who will may come and receive of His bounties by accepting His terms - the cross - for as it has been expressed without the cross of Christ we cannot have His crown.

The living exercise of our visitors has been for us that we hide not even the one talent but be willing to bring all the tithes into the store house, and that obedience keep pace with knowledge, that unless the Lord build the ^{house} ~~city~~ they labour in vain that build it, that morality alone is not sufficient. We must submit to the Divine refining - the washing of regeneration that we may be cleansed from all filaments and to know our Saviour to be our abiding guest. We must do our part. The mantle of Elijah did not fall upon the shoulders of Elisha but upon the ground and it was taken up by Elisha.

Through an oversight, these four appointments were not recorded in the Record Book of the Select Yearly Meeting,-Soon after the date of their appointment-The Clerk of the Select Quarterly Meeting, having discovered the omission, has made this copy from the minutes of Select Quarterly Meeting records to insert.

"At Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly the third of Second Month 1921. A proposition was brought before this meeting that the public appearances and gift in the ministry, of our Friend Thomas P. Nichols be recognized. The proposal having been carefully considered in this meeting, it was fully united with."

Anna A. Gardner, Clerk.

"South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting are united in appointing Eunice B. Clark and Gertrude E. Foster to the Station of Elder Eighth Month third, 1922. Extracted from the Minutes of Rhode Island Select Quarterly Meeting held at Westerly."

Anna A. Gardner, Clerk. "

"South Kingstown Monthly Meeting and Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting are united in approving the gift in the Ministry of our dear Friend Elizabeth P. Nichols, and she is recorded a Minister the first of Second Month, 1923"

Anna A. Gardner, Clerk.



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We have been favored with much pertinent counsel; and when we compare the past with the present we feel that we have much cause for encouragement.

The different sessions of our Yearly Meeting have been blessed by the manifest presence of our Lord, who is the crown and diadem of all rightly gathered assemblies.

Our hearts have been tendered and ^{we} have been drawn closely together, feeling that we have been baptised into the one body by the one baptism and been permitted to partake of hidden manna from the Master's table.

We were reminded when the canopy of our Heavenly Father's love was spread over us that now is the accepted time, this is the day of our salvation and this gray dawn, what shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?

No further business appearing we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

J. L. S. Gidley, Clerk.

Summary Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all our meetings both for Worship and Discipline, and we trust encourage such of their families as are suitable to this duty also when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2^d We believe that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders, we believe are, in a good degree, clean and blameless among men. They are in unity with one another and with the meetings to which they belong, and are concerned to labor together for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 4th Ministers and Elders, we believe, endeavor to rule their own house well, and to bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and true moderation and are thought to be, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by Ministers and Elders to labor for peace in families and in the Church, also to maintain the discipline and not screen their own families therefrom and that justice may be faithfully administered,

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island 6th Mo. 4th 1921.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Eunice B. Nichols, Amos O. Foster, Charles Perry, Mary E. Foster, Mary C. Foster, Horace B. Foster, Mary J. Cope, James W. Oliver, Job S. Lidley and James H. Zucker whose names being called all are present but one.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders together with a summary which is thought to describe our present state have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the summary.

We appoint Horace B. Foster, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver and James W. Oliver to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and they are to report at our next sitting.
Adjourned To 9-30 o'clock Third Day morning.

Third Day morning the 7th at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, it was concluded to reappoint Job S. Lidley for Clerk and James W. Oliver for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or till others are appointed.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting make the following report:

We can truly acknowledge the loving notice of our Heavenly Father during the ^{periods} sittings of this Yearly Meeting. The messengers that we humbly believe sent by Him at this time have been enabled to hand forth from His treasury things both new and old.

We have been counseled not to think more highly of ourselves than we should, but be humbled with the consciousness of our nothingness, - that good works will not save us. Those that drank up water as a dog, were the chosen ones, and proved under Gideon's leadership the means of delivering Israel from their enemies. - Esther the captive maid was instrumental in saving her people from utter destruction through the malicious designs of Haman.

So jealous should we be of the precious testimonies of this once highly favored Society that have been handed down to us that we too may stand in serving on in silence, living witnesses for the Truth.

From benighted heathen living aspirations have arisen to the Father of all our sure mercies that we may be found worthy of the continuance of His love, and that the sad sown in New England by those early witnesses of the Truth might bring forth more plants to bear precious fruit to the praise of the great Husbandman, that generations yet unborn may honor Him.

We were told of the gardens that needed care in other lands. When we realize this we ~~are~~ feel sympathy for the suffering wherever it may be; but we must not neglect our own individual gardens. We are told and do we not realize there is an enemy ever ready

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to sow tares? which if allowed to take root and grow will sap the life of the pure seed thwarting the design of our Heavenly Father.

The truly humble will understand our Saviour's words. "My time is not yet," also the importance of waiting at Zion's gate, for here it is ~~not~~ may learn where and when to go forth.

An express was felt that no compromise be made in answering the queries that these answers may represent our true condition.

No further business appearing we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Robt. S. Lidley Clerk.

In answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of their meetings for Divine Worship and generally attend those for Discipline and we trust encourage such of their families as are suitable to this duty also when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd We believe that Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and authority preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd The lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are thought to be, in a good degree, clean and blameless among men.

They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong used labor together for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th It is believed that Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and live moderation and are, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans 5th We believe that a concern is felt by Ministers and Elders to labor for peace in our families and the church, also to maintain the discipline impartially, and that justice may be faithfully administered.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island
the 3rd of Sixth Mo 1922.

By accounts received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders the representations therein named
to attend this meeting are Charles Perry,
Amos O. Foster, Eunice B. Nichols, James W. Oliver,
Mary J. Cope, James H. Tucker and Job S. Gidley
who are all present but one.

The queries with answers thereto from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meet-
ings of Ministers ^{and Elders} together with a Summary
which is thought to describe our present state have
been read. The Clerk is directed to record the Summary.

We appoint Mary C. Foster, James W. Oliver,
Horace B. Foster, Eunice B. Clark and Charles Perry
to have an oversight of the different sittings of
the yearly Meeting and they are to report at our
next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third
Day morning.

Third Day morning at about the
time to which the meeting was adjourned
Friends again assembled.

The time for which the Clerks of this
meeting were appointed having expired it
was concluded to reappoint Job S. Gidley
for Clerk and James W. Oliver for Assistant
Clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting make the following report.

"During the sittings of our Yearly Meeting, thus far, there has been much to claim our most serious consideration, and not the least of which has been the earnest concern of spirit to move in the order and in the unity of the Truth.

We have been sensible of the loving consideration of our Heavenly Father in giving us strength to proceed in the bond of unity. The exercise of ministering Friends from a distance has been to incite us to further dedication of heart that a fuller life may be ours. The winter season is just as much under Divine ordering as the times for the bud, the blossom, the leaf and the fruit. Each one follows in its place in unfailing succession.

We were most tenderly and earnestly counselled to look well into our home life. If we knew that our Saviour was about to visit us, would we not wish to put some things where He would not see them? Would we not rather desire that our lives should reflect His image and be living epistles seen and read of all men? That we might have life and have it more abundantly by keeping a closer watch and walk with our Lord and Master.

During the reading of the Queries and the consideration of the answers the meeting was brought under exercise that we might profit thereby, and this query was put to us "Are we concerned?" and the meeting was brought to realize how often we come short of our ideals.

The presence of several delegates from that body whose pathway has been different from ours brought forth feelings of love and desires have arisen that we might be brought still nearer together in the Truth.

An unusual number of Epistles have been received from distant meetings, both in our own land and from other countries.

The felt presence and baptizing power of the Holy Spirit was at times unmistakably with us and we were united in loving fellowship and our hearts were tendered and refreshed by the dew of heavenly love.

During the different sittings of this Yearly Meeting it doth seem that we have been fed with that spiritual food that giveth strength to the inner man, and may it take deep root in our every heart and bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

No further business appearing we conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

Answers to the Queries

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are concerned to be diligent in the attendance of all their meetings both for Worship and Discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

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Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by Ministers and Elders to labor for peace in families and in the church, maintain the Discipline impartially and administer justice as faithful servants.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers
and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the
2nd of Sixth Month 1923.

By accounts received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers
and Elders, the representatives therein named to
attend this Meeting are Amos C. Foster, Elizabeth
P. Nichols, Eunice B. Clark, Charles Perry, Eunice B.
Nichols, Horace B. Foster, Jos. S. Gidley, Mary Anne
Oliver, Isabel L. Gifford and James W. Oliver.
whose names being called all are present
but for whose absence satisfactory reasons
were given.

The year is with answer thanks from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings
of Ministers and Elders together with a summary
which is thought to describe our present state have
been read. The Clerk is directed to record the summary.

We appoint Eunice B. Nichols, Amos C. Foster,
James W. Oliver, and Hannah W. Webster to have
an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting
and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day
morning.

Third Day morning Friends
again met as per appointment.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting
were appointed having expired it was concluded
to reappoint Jos. S. Gidley for Clerk and James W. Oliver
for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting
of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different
sittings of the Yearly Meeting make following
report,

The public Meeting on First Day was early overshadowed by the evidence of the Master's presence, and under this precious canopy the silence was broken by one who referred to the words of our Saviour unto his disciples while he was personally with them; how he was to suffer and of the glory that should follow.

The spirit of supplication and praise, and a realizing sense of our unworthiness was voiced by several of the Lord's dedicated servants, and it was felt that we should press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The attendance at this time of so many young people and their solid demeanor and the loving counsel extended to them show that we are not a forsaken people but have much to encourage us, as faith and obedience are abode in.

During the consideration of the Queries our attention was drawn to the necessity of attending our mid-week meetings and discouraging the attendance of places of diversion. We acknowledge with humble gratitude, we trust, that as we gathered at this time with dear friends from other Yearly Meetings who sacrificed much at the Master's pointing to join us in our annual Assembly, that we have been truly blessed by the spoken word through them, and from the benediction which thanksgiving has arisen for these favors, and that we may be found worthy for the future mercies and condescending goodness of Israel's unnumbering Shepherd. We were reminded it is only those who comply with the requisitions of Him who said "Learn of me who am meek and lowly in heart - that my yoke is easy and my burden is light" that this is supplied liberally. Calloused hearts have arisen that all may yield to the tender drawings of Divine love.

No further business appearing we now conclude
proposing to meet at this place at the usual time
next year if consistent with the Divine Will
Joh S. Gidley Clerk.

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At New England Yearly Meeting
of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode
Island 6th Mo 7th 1924.

By accounts received from Rhode Island
and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and
Elders the representatives therein named to attend
this Meeting are Charles Perry, Anna & Gardner,
Hannah W. Webster, Amos C. Foster, James M. Oliver,
Horace B. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, and Mary J. Cope,
who are all present but one.

The Minutes with answers thereto
from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly
Meetings of Ministers and Elders have been read,
together with a summary which is thought to de-
scribe our present state and the Clerk is directed to
record the same.

We appoint Mary Anna Oliver, Mary E.
Foster, Horace B. Foster, Mary J. Cope and James M. Oliver
to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly
Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day morning.
Third Day morning the 10th at about the time
in which the Meeting was adjourned friends
again assembled.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting
were appointed having expired it was concluded
to appoint Joh S. Gidley for Clerk and James M. Oliver
for Assistant for the ensuing year or till others are ap-
pointed in their place.

The committee appointed at the first sit-
ting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the dif-
ferent sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the follow-
ing report. At the opening session of the Yearly Meeting
an exercise soon came over the Meeting which was voiced
by several either by prayer or exhortation, and desires
were expressed that the Yearly Meeting might be a season
of favor and an evidence that this was to be the case was

apparent by the precious covering that overshadowed the gathering and we felt our hearts filled with gratitude.

The public meetings for worship were well attended, and an impressive silence soon spread over the assembly in the morning which, we believe, was felt by most if not all, when the truths of the Gospel were handed forth in the demonstration of the spirit and of power by humble servants of the Master. We have been exercised for our preservation in the everlasting Truth and the query has arisen, are we living in accord with the requirements of the dear Master? or are we feeling that the way of the cross is too antiquated to walk in.

We have been told that self must be laid low before we can expect to be with the Lord when, it is finished.

The meetings for business were seasons of searching of heart, during the reading of the queries, and much expression was given to the necessity of attending mid-week meetings and of the reading of the Scriptures in families. Much good counsel was extended to us which we hope will bear fruit.

Some difference of view was at one time evident but we trust that the ruling power of Truth as it is a bode in will enable us to do all things in concordance and love in the honor of Truth.

We have been blessed in our coming together, and to Him whom we profess to serve, belongs the praise and thanksgiving for what we have received. May we be faithful to our trust.

The Psalmist declares "they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

No further business appearing, we now conclude, purposing to meet, at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

J. A. S. Bidley Clerk

Summary Answer to the Queries.

Ans. 1st

Ministers and Elders are concerned to attend their meetings for divine worship and are generally in attendance of those for discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable, when not prevented by distance, or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd We believe that ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for divine ability and are preserved thereby from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd We believe that the lives and conversation of Ministers and Elders are, in a good degree, clean and blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong and labor together for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 4th Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own houses well, and bring up those under their care in plainness, which Truth requires, and are, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by Ministers and Elders to labor for peace in families and in the Church; also to maintain the discipline impartially and that justice be faithfully administered.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island 6th Nov^r 1925

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, James H. Tucker, and James W. Oliver who are all present but one.

The Brevier with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders together with a summary which is thought to describe our present state have been read and the clerk is to read the same.

We appoint Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, and James W. Oliver to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to 9-30 o'clock Third Day Morning

Third Day morning at about the hour to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled. The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, it was concluded to reappoint Job S. Gidley for Clerk and James W. Oliver for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or till others are appointed in their places.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting make the following report.

As we gathered together at the first sitting of this Meeting some were exercised to petition for the overshadowing of Divine Love over the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and that our spirits might be refreshed and strengthened to do all that might come before us in humble condescending feeling, one for another that all may be done to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Church.

That such was to be the case was soon realized by the precious covering that came over us as anointed servants of the Lord delivered their messages in demonstration of the spirit and of power.

The spiritual nature of Christ's kingdom was spoken of and how it was not understood by those who looked for an earthly kingdom, and when it did not so appear walked no more with the Master.

The Society of Friends was able, in some measure to alleviate the sufferings caused by the great war and all should still strive for growth in spiritual strength that there might be more dedicated hearts looking to our Master for help and guidance in all things.

At the Meeting progressed much helpful counsel was given us by our dear visiting Friends whose words of love and encouragement sank deep into our hearts. Those in the younger walks of life were exhorted to be willing to labor in the service and vineyard of the Lord. The interest shown by the younger members in our Meeting was a satisfaction and encouragement to all. We were cheered by the presence of a number of Friends some with and some without minster even others from across the Ocean.

When the answers to the queries were being read the importance of the reading of the Scriptures was brought to our attention.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the many favors received, for we feel that that we have been enabled, as it were, to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We have been more closely drawn to Friends of other yearly Meetings by their spirit of love.

As we soon may return to our several homes once more let us gather up the fragments that nothing be lost.

No further business appearing we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time, next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John L. Smith Clerk.

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Summary Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are concerned to attend their meetings for divine worship, and are generally in attendance in those for discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd We believe that ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for divine ability and are preserved thereby from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd We believe that the lives and conversation of ministers and Elders are, in a good degree, clean and blameless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they belong, and labor together for the honor of Truth.

Ans. 4th Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own houses well and bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires and are, in a good degree, exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5th We believe that a concern is felt by Ministers and Elders to labor for peace in families and the Church also to maintain the discipline impartially and that justice be faithfully administered.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Woburn, Rhode Island
6th mo. 5th 1926

From the accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to transact this meeting are Charles Perry, Hannah W. Webster, Emma B. Nichols, Amos A. Foster, Hezekiah B. Foster, Mary E. Foster, and James H. Tucker.
^{who are present but do not}
The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, together with a summary, which is thought to describe our

present state, has been read, and the clerk is directed to record the same.

We appoint Mary C. Foster, Charles Perry, Mary Anna Cline, ~~Horace B. Foster~~ and Mary E. Foster to have an oversight of the different sittings of the yearly meeting and report at our next sitting. Adjourned to 9.30 o'clock Third day Morning.

Third-day morning at about the time to which the meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled,

Our dear friend Jos. S. Sidley who has served this meeting most acceptably for clerk for many years, having asked to be released from that service, Horace B. Foster on behalf of the representatives stated that they have met and were turned in proposing the name of Anna W. Vidner for clerk and James W. Cline for assistant clerk whose names having been separately considered, they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting, to have an oversight of the different sittings of the yearly meeting make the following report. - We have been favoured at this, our annual gathering, by the presence of several animated servants of our Lord, who brought forth from the King's treasury things new and old, which have been refreshing to our spirits, and strengthening us in our endeavours to press forward, and the precious covering that has been over us at times. Oh how that we were moved by our Heavenly Father in our efforts to worship him in an acceptable manner.

The absence of our clerk was much regretted, but she who raised up

"Judges as at the first and counsellors as at the
beginning", favored us with another who took his
place. The epistles read from the group
of friends in our circle of correspondence as well as
several others were very lively and showed that our hear-
ers only I think less loaded his dependent children, was
able to be felt in the current of life. That's
thought to our souls. Many were the calls
for more dedication to serve the Lord in the
way of his Holy and Simon requiring. That
righteousness might cover the earth as ^{the} waters
cover the sea. But we have remembered it
is "not by works of righteousness which we have
done but according to his mercy he saves us
by the washing of regeneration and the work-
ing of the Holy Ghost which he has shed on
us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our
Saviour."

Hearing completed all the work that has
come upon us in perfect harmony, by the help
and guidance of Him who has brought us
to this, and led us from his promised word,
it shows us now as we are to separate,
that we pick up the fragments that remain
that nothing is lost.

No further business appearing, we now conclude,
purposing to meet at this place, at the usual
time next year, if consistent with the
Lord's will. Anna H. Gardner Clerk.

Ans. 2. We believe that ministers in the exercise
of their gifts are careful to wait for divine

ability and are preserved from sin burdensome.

Ans. 3d. It is thought that the lips and conversation of ministers and elders are clean and harmless among men. They are in unity one with another and with the meeting to which they glory in joining together for the honor of Truth.

Ans 4. Ministers and elders are concerned to rule their own houses well, and bring up those under their care in simplicity in dress, language and true moderation, while Truth requires and are in a good degree exemplary in these respects themselves.

Ans. 5 Ministers and elders have a care to keep peace - makes in families and in the church, to maintain the discipline and not screen their own families therefrom and to administer justice as faithful servants.

Anna A. Gardner, Clerk.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island
The 4th of 6th month 1927.

By accounts received from Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders we are informed that Amos C. Foster, Arthur Perry, Hannah W. Webster, Anna W. Chace, Horace B. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, James W. Oliver, and Elizabeth Foster were appointed to attend this meeting as their representatives. Their names being called all are present except one.

Our dear friend Anna A. Gardner the Clerk of

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this meeting, having been indisposed for some months, and still unable to attend meetings Mary J. F. Edgerton was appointed to take her place, by the assistant Clerk - James W. Oliver, and act at this time.

The Queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of ministers and Elders, together with a Summary which is considered described of our present state have been read, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

We have with us at this time Wm. Blair and Kate Keatby with a Minute of concurrence and encouragement from London Friends. The company and services of these dear Friends have been comforting and encouraging to us. We also record with gratitude the presence of several other valued Friends who have felt drawn to meet with us without written credentials. Their solid deportment and nearness of spirit have added weight to the meeting.

Mary E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark and Arthur Perry are appointed a Committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next sitting. Adjourned to 9.30 Third-day morning, the 7th of the month.

Third-day morning near the hour adjourned to Friends assembled, The names of the representatives being called, all are present except two. The committee appointed at the first sitting of this meeting to have an oversight of the different sessions of the yearly meeting, furnished us with the following report, which was read producing a solemnizing effect. The Public Meeting of the Yearly Meeting on First-day morning was well attended, and the

assembly was soon sensible of a precious covering of divine love from which, through dedicated instruments, there flowed a bountiful stream of the Water of life, to the refreshing of thirsty souls. The petitions for grace were united in, with deep heartfelt thanksgiving for mercies and blessings received. The truth of the many prophecies of Isaiah were several times referred to, especially in reference to the Messiah and what his life would mean for all generations. We were admonished to build on that foundation which no man hath laid, and that our charity reach out to all denominations. The saying of Isaac Pennington to his brother was quoted when he told him "if his denomination had religion at all, it was true religion" not looking for the hay and stubble on which they may have built, but rather that we may strive to meet when we shall be judged according to our desire and willingness to heed the invitation, "Come unto me". A very pertinent question "Are you able" was expanded to our edification and left little doubt of our human weakness, and the need of daily strength from the Eternal Springs if we are to hope for the crowning victory, of having fought the good fight. To the children a loving welcome was extended, and the usual was translated into a simple message of love. Truly the showers of wisdom, love and counsel have been plentiful and a strong desire we trust, in every heart that these may be cherished and not filter away as from broken vessels. Let us gather up the fragments that nothing be lost. Epistles received from our Brethren and Sisters in different parts of the world were very encouraging and helpful, as we feel that we have been brought together in the unity of the spirit and the bond of Peace. Not only by letters but by living Epistles.

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have some messages of love to our hearts, we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for all the benedictions we have received".

Having been favored to accomplish the business which claimed our attention in harmony and with brotherly love, with feelings of thankfulness for this degree of Divine favor, we conclude just now to meet again at this place next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary P. F. Edgerton Clerk
for this time.

SUMMARY.

Answers to the Queries for 1927.

- Ans.1 Ministers and elders are concerned to attend their Meetings for Divine worship and to bring their families with them. They mostly attend meetings for discipline and also encourage the attendance of their families when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.
- Ans.2 We believe that ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to wait for Divine ability and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.
- Ans.3 Ministers and elders are believed to lead ^{lives} consistent with our holy profession. They are in unity one with another and of the meeting of which they are members and labor together for the honor of Truth.
- Ans 4. Ministers and elders are concerned to rule their own houses well and to bring up those under their care in simplicity in dress, language, and true moderation. They ^{endeavor} ~~desire~~ to be good examples themselves.
- Ans.5 We believe ministers and elders have a care to maintain the several requirements of this query.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of
Ministers and Elders held at Westerly
Rhode Island the Second of Sixth Month
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Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly
Meetings of Ministers and Elders in their
reports, state, the following named Friends
were appointed to represent those meetings
at this time - namely Anna A. Gardner,
Amos O. Foster, Berthude E. Foster, Eunice B.
Nichols, Charles Perry, Anna H. Grace,
Horace B. Foster, Job S. Gidley, James W. Oliver
and Mary Anna Oliver. All are present
except one, who was prevented from attending
on account of ill health.

The appointment of Clerks for this year was
before the meeting, which united in the
reappointment of Mary J. F. Edgerton for
Clerk and James W. Oliver for assistant Clerk
for the year ensuing or until another appoint-
ment.

The Queries with answers to each, from
Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of
Ministers and Elders, together with a Summary
thought descriptive of our state, was read and
approved, the Clerk is directed to record it.

Nathaniel B. Jones a Minister from Evesham
Monthly Meeting New Jersey, with a Minute
of concurrence from that Monthly Meeting is
very acceptably with us. We feel that those only
who know - as such small meetings as this do -
What strength and encouragement these visits from
dedicated servants, who have heard ~~the call~~, and
heeded the call, to meet and mingle with us,
means to the visited. He also record with

1928. feelings of deep gratitude the presence of other valued Friends, who have felt drawn to meet and mingle with us without written Credentials, Their solid deportment and nearness of Spirit add weight to the meetings.

Emmie B. Clark, Mary Anna Oliver Phebe F. Perry and William T. Oliver are appointed a committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next session.

Adjourned to 9.30 Third-day Morning the fifth of the month.

Third-day morning the fifth of the month near the hour adjourned to Friends again met. Names of the representatives being called they are present except three. The committee appointed at our first session, to have an oversight of the different sessions of the Yearly Meeting have furnished the following report, which was read and produced a solemnizing effect, The meeting directed it to be recorded—

From the first session of the Yearly Meeting we have been impressed that the gospel truths become impressively new, as they are delivered with new inspiration. A deep and heartfelt petition to the throne of Grace, was made for our guidance, and for special loving care of the aged and feeble members no longer able to meet with us. Later another petition voiced sincere gratitude for the feast which had been ours from the Masters table with a deep desire that we gather all, even the crumbs that nothing be lost. Believe, thrice was this word impressively given us, and that believing is realizing that God the Father, Jesus Christ the Saviour and the indwelling spirit or Holy Ghost are one, and in this believing lies our only hope of salvation. Plainly and clearly came the voice showing the need of a broad charity

for all denominations, that the great requirement for all was to live up to their measure of light, and be open to all promptings of the spirit. We are not to say we are more worthy, even if we a body we have lived centuries in advance of our time in some measures of reform, important as this has been it is not to be esteemed a means of grace, rather we are to be humbled that we have not had our ear more closely attuned to the voice which teaches as never taught, and it is not by works but by my spirit saith the Lord. We were shown what "follow me" So often repeated by our Saviour meant to Matthew and through him to all successive generations; and today is as imperative as two thousand years ago if we would at the end of the race hear His "well done".

Discouragement might be called one of the most destructive agents of Satan, how discouraged Mary was when her Lord was crucified, had she given up hope and not gone to the tomb she might never have walked with her risen Lord; And had not a man desired to know the real power of God, to work through human agency we might never have had a Dwight L. Moody whose wonderful spark of life was kindled and extended across the Continent and still goes on.

Are we too much inclined to count the cost? there was only one of the twelve who died a natural death; and only one counted the cost and even he was repentant after he had betrayed his Master.

The Beatitudes so full of wonderful promises, each require a condition on our part ere we can know the balm and consolation they hold, only the pure in heart have the promise of seeing God.

We were admonished that we must be born again and become Friends by conviction. Behold I set before you an open door, and we must not hesitate or hold back but must advance over the threshold to take part in the work waiting to be done, instead of looking back lest we be cramped by tradition, we must ^{know} of a regeneration if we would indeed be born again.

The Epistles contained much of encouragement and our

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hearts truly burned within us, how near they were to us in Spirit, the problems of life are much the same with each group, it is only as we come more often than the returning morning for strength we may learn that true bond of union wherein lies our only strength.

Can we doubt we are under the tender and loving care of our Heavenly Father, when so many have ~~have~~ received a message of love and cheer to be given us at this time, our sincere desire is, that ours may not prove the stony ground, but rather that it may bring forth fruit to His honor and glory!

With mingled feelings of weakness and gratitude for favors granted the sessions of this meeting, by the Great Head of the Church, who in gracious condescension has enabled us to transact the business before it in that harmony and love so indispensable for true peace, In this unity of feeling we conclude, purposing to meet at this place in Sixth month next if compatible with the Divine Will.

Mary J. F. Edgerton Clerk.

Summary Answers to Queries
1928.

Ans. 1st Ministers and Elders are in good degree careful to attend meetings both for Worship and discipline encouraging such of their families to this duty as are suitable.

Ans. 2nd Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are careful to await the Divine anointing, and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3rd Friends endeavor to be careful in their lives and conversation amongst men, They are in unity one with another, and with the meeting to which they belong and labor together for the honor of Truth,

Ans. 4th Ministers and Elders endeavor to rule their own houses well and to bring up their families in simplicity in dress, language and true moderation and desire to be good examples themselves,

Ans. 5th Ministers and Elders have a concern to be peace makers in families and in the Church, to maintain the Discipline and not screen their own families there from and to administer justice as faithful servants.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the Eighth of Sixth Month 1929.

Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, in their reports, state the following named Friends were appointed to represent those meetings at this time - namely Eunice B. Nichols, Hannah W. Webster, Amos O. Foster, Mary E. Foster, James W. Oliver Horace B. Foster and Elizabeth G. Wilbur. All are present except two - one of these was prevented from attending on account of illness. The time for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, the subject was brought before the meeting, which united with the proposal, to continue those in that service for this year - or, until another appointment - namely for Clerk Mary J. B. Edgerton, assistant Clerk James W. Oliver.

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The Queries have been read in this Meeting followed by Answers to each from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders, also a summary therefrom - thought to be descriptive of our State, which was approved, and directed to be recorded.

We are favored at this time with the Company and religious labors of a few dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, Some from long distances, who have heard the call to come over into New England and help us. These were gladly welcome.

Only those who have known and felt the loss of such strength and support as dedicated Servants bring, can fully appreciate what it means!

We would also record, with deep gratitude, the presence of those valued Friends who have felt drawn to be with us without written credentials, Their solid deportment and earnestness of spirit have added weight to our Meetings.

Arthur Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Horace B. Foster, Lucy M. Foster and Phebe Perry are appointed a Committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next Session.
Adjourned to 9.30 Third-day morning the Eleventh of the month.

Third-day morning the eleventh of the month near the hour adjourned to Friends again met.

Names of the representatives being called all are present.

The Committee appointed at our first sitting, to have an oversight, of the different sessions of the Yearly Meeting, have furnished the following report

which was read and produced a solemnizing effect,
It was directed to be recorded.

The report.

Soon after assembling a petition was voiced expressing a deep desire that we might be guided aright in all the activities before us, and that our sense of nearness, to the source of all strength might cause our hearts to burn within us as it did in the disciples of old on that that memorable walk to Emmaus, thus enabling us to heed wise council and drink deeply of the streams of living water, which may flow, for our healing, and we must indeed drink deeply if we are to hope for the fulfillment of the prophetic words which have been given for our encouragement!

To fear not for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom, Then followed those words "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness", Very plainly and clearly was shown the need of hunger, that we might receive the bounteous supply, and there were words of cheer such as "perfect love casteth out fear" for love begets love and communion, There was also the query "What must I do to be saved"? this too was expounded and made so plain the wayfaring man need not ere therein, Showing we must have a daily walk and a conscience void of offence, if we are to walk in the way that leadeth to life eternal,

God is, and that He is a rewarder, was expounded by many illustrations from the Old Testament all leading to his wonderful plan for redemption from sin; but always leaving us free agents to choose whom we will serve, Later we were admonished to heed the admonition given to the church of Philadelphia, "Behold I have set before thee an open door" - "Also to hold fast that which I have given thee" that no man take thy

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Crown, and whether we are given one or more talents it matters not, if they are used to His honor and glory, they shall result in Eternal life.

Having been favored to finish the business that has come before us in harmony and brotherly love, though at times humbled under a sense of our weaknesses and shortcomings, as well as the fewness of our numbers, a comforting evidence has been felt, that the Lord still continues to be mindful of us, poor and needy as we are.

Under this feeling we conclude, purposing to meet again at this place in Sixth month next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary J. F. Edgerton Clerk,

SUMMARY OF THE QUERIES

1929.

- Ans 1st. Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine worship and are generally in attendance of those for discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable, when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.
- Ans. 2nd. Ministers in the exercise of their gift appear careful to wait for Divine ability and thereby are preserved from being burdensome.
- Ans. 3rd. Ministers and Elders are believed to lead lives consistent with our holy profession and to be in unity with one another and the meeting to which they belong, harmoniously laboring together for the honor of truth.
- Ans. 4th. It is thought Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well, and to bring up those under their care in that simplicity which Truth requires, in dress, language, and true moderation. They endeavor to be good examples herein themselves.
- Ans. 5 th. Ministers and Elders have a care to be peacemakers in families and in the Church, careful to maintain the discipline not to screen their own families therefrom, and to administer justice as faithful servants.

1930.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly Rhode Island the Seventh of Sixth month 1930.

Accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly meetings, of Ministers and Elders, inform us that the following named Friends were appointed to represent those meetings at this time, namely Arthur Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Amos C. Foster, Hannah W. Webster, Mary C. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and William T. Oliver. There were all present except two, We were informed one of these was prevented from attending by illness.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired, The subject claimed the attention of the meeting, after due deliberation it was united in the reappointment of those now in that service — namely Mary J. F. Edgerton and James W. Oliver.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers from our two Quarterly Meetings which are approved, and a suitable Summary is to be prepared therefrom, to be recorded.

Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Mary C. Foster and Phebe Perry are appointed a committee to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting and report at our next session.

Then adjourned to 9.30. Third-day morning the 10th of the month.

Third-day morning the 10th of the month, near the time adjourned to Friends again met.

Names of the representatives being called, they are present except two.

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The committee appointed at our first session, to have an oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting have furnished us with the following report which was read and approved and directed to be recorded,

Report of the Committee on Oversight of the
Yearly Meeting.

The meeting was opened by a brief and fervent supplication for the divine blessing and leading for all sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The vocal messages, with one exception, bore upon the necessity for the Christian to place his whole reliance upon Christ as Guide and Savior. "The leaves of the tree shall be for the healing of the nations" quoted from Revelations, was applied not only to national ~~differences~~ development but to the growth of the individual. Three separate messages gave expression to the thought that our lives can count for little unless they are constantly recharged from the inexhaustible strength of Christ Himself. To be aflame with divine enthusiasm is the sure way to avoid the perils of worldliness.

The other message was on the subject of our contribution to the spiritual life of our meetings. The taxes we pay for the support of our schools was taken as an example of the necessity for sacrifice if we are to encourage any worthwhile growth. This example was well calculated to arrest the attention of the young and it was used with telling effect on those of all ages to bring out the reasonable spiritual service we must each render our meeting if it is to rise above formality. The message left it clear that we can hope for little from our meetings unless we exert ourselves to put our best into them.

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1930.

Many admonitions were given to heed the warnings of the prophets who portrayed so clearly the life and mission of our Savior. He will indeed intercede for us if we repent and return oftener than the returning morning to receive the sustenance whereby we shall be changed until we become new creatures on a new earth. The need was emphasized of a waiting, as at Pentecost, so that we may be embued with power to fulfill our missions, seeking the lowly places and the humble life, thus following Him whose supreme aim was to glorify His Father in Heaven.

We feel our business meetings have been conducted with dignity and harmony. The epistles, whereby we are enabled to realize our kinship as brothers and sisters in the same family group, have been especially full of life and wisdom. We have been reminded in these letters that there must be earnestness of purpose to uphold the principles of this Society. We need not ask "the Propheps where are they and the Fathers do they live forever", for the redeeming spirit of Christ will raise up councillors as at the first and judges as at the beginning.

We are informed that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held Fifth month first 1930. united with South Kingstown Monthly in the appointment of Emma Foster Perry and Samuel C. Webster to the Station of Elders.

Having been favored to finish the business which has come before us, in harmony and brotherly love, - though many times humbled under a sense of our weakness, and our declining membership, a comforting evidence has been felt, that the Lord continues to be mindful of us, for this and many other blessings we feel deeply grateful.

Under this covering we conclude purposing to meet

1930,
again at this place in Sixth month next year
if consistent with the Divine Will.

Mary J. F. Edgerton Clerk.

Summary Answers to the Queries for 1930.

Ans. 1st. Ministers and Elders are careful to attend their meetings for Divine Worship and are generally in attendance of those for discipline, bringing such of their families as are suitable when not prevented by distance or other unavoidable circumstances.

Ans. 2nd. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for Divine direction and are thereby preserved from being burdensome.

Ans. 3d. It is thought the lives of Ministers and Elders are clean and blameless amongst men, they are in unity one with another, and with the meeting of which they are members and labor together harmoniously for Truth's honor.

Ans. 4th. It is thought Ministers and Elders are concerned to rule their own houses well, and bring up those under their care in plainness which Truth requires in dress, language and true moderation, also to be good examples herein themselves.

Ans. 5th. Ministers and Elders have a care to be peacemakers, in families, and in the Church, to maintain the discipline, and not screen their own families therefrom, also to administer justice as faithful servants.

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1st New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders
held at Westbury, Rhode Island, the Sixth of Sixth Month 1931.

The accounts furnished us by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings give the names of representatives therefrom to this Meeting as follows -

Eunice B. Clark, Amos C. Foster, Hannah W. Webster, Phoebe Perry, Elizabeth Foster, James W. Oliver, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Mary E. Foster and Henry T. Gidley.

The names of these Friends being called all are present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, and the Assistant Clerk being prevented from attendance at this time, the Meeting has fully united with the names of Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster, which were offered for this service for the following year.

The queries have been read in this Meeting, followed by answers from the two Quarterly Meetings, which are approved. A suitable summary of the answers is to be prepared for the records.

We have with us at this time Thomas Fisher and his wife, Anna E. C. Fisher, with minutes of concurrence from Holly Spring Monthly Meeting and Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at West Grove, North Carolina.

With us also are Livia H. Edgerton of Middleton Monthly Meeting in Ohio, and her companion, Lydia H. Woolman of Salem Quarterly Meeting, both with minutes of concurrence from their meetings.

This Meeting expresses gratitude that these Friends have felt called to visit a meeting so far removed from them.

in point of distance. Their coming to us is regarded not only with gratitude, but with hope that we may profit by the messages they bring, and by a closer understanding of the problems and aims of Friends in the meetings they represent.

With no less gratitude and satisfaction we record the presence in our Meeting of Friends who have come to us from other meetings without credentials.

Eunice B. Clark, Mary C. Foster, Sonna Gardner, and William Oliver are appointed a Committee to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and to report at our next meeting. Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 8th inst.

Second Day morning, the 8th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. Names of the representatives being called, they are present except three. Satisfactory reasons were given for their absence.

The Committee appointed at our first session to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting has presented the following report, which was read, approved and directed to be recorded, -

In a wonderful and vital way truths which are old, yet ever new as they come to us through new channels, have caused us to raise a song of thanksgiving and praise. What figure could more vividly portray the preparation for the life made new in Christ than that of cutting away the worthless stone that the diamond may shine forth pure and clear? The true

spark is within us, only waiting the purging and refining to shine forth as the diamond.

Petitions for strength for our daily needs, for strength that will enable us to overcome temptation and walk humbly before our God, were reiterated, as was the desire that our sins, though as scarlet, be purged ~~through~~ the great atonement.

Very clearly the cause for the rise of our religious society was brought to our remembrance. The Society began and has developed not as a creed, but as primitive Christianity, revived and clarified from the many formalities which had crept in. It shows us a way of life so excellent and so plain that the wayfaring man need not err therein. Following that way of life we do not have to ascend to heights to bring Christ down, for He awaits an invitation to dwell within every person who will assent ~~to~~ deed as well as word to His coming.

There have been many quotations from scripture falling, we trust, on fertile ground.

We have had brought to our attention the serious strain on brotherly conditions in many countries. The physical and mental suffering are great in a number of countries. We must feel that their problems are ours, if we are to follow the great commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The suggestion is made in this meeting that it might be better procedure to have returning minutes given by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders rather than by the Yearly Meeting. This suggestion does not contemplate

the discontinuance of the reading in the Yearly Meeting of the minutes presented by visiting Friends. It is the sense of this Meeting that if any change is to be made in the direction suggested it should be initiated in the Yearly Meeting itself.

The suggestion is made that the Yearly Meeting might find it better and equally considerate procedure not to give returning minutes. The weight of opinion is in favor of continuing the practice of giving returning minutes.

The sessions of this Meeting have been under a sense of the opportunities and responsibilities that are challenging Friends through the world. Our professions of Christian love mean less than nothing unless in our every day lives we are doing what we can to bring Christ's kingdom to pass on earth. Our hearts go out in love and thankfulness to the visiting Friends who have brought us clearer vision of what can be accomplished by letting Christ have full sway in our lives.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

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Answers to the Queries for 1931.

1. We feel that our ministers desire to use their gifts according to divine leadership, in order that they may spread true Christianity

and foster spiritual growth

Sons. 2nd. Ministers and Elders endeavor to live clean and blameless lives among men, also to labor in unity of spirit, with one another, and with their Meetings

Sons. 3rd. - The endeavor to watch lovingly over our young people, in order that their spiritual gifts may be encouraged, and that they may deepen in responsibility and religious life.

Sons 4th - We feel that the helpful spirit which is being manifested by our younger membership in cheerfully participating in the exercises of the different meetings does indicate a growth in spiritual life.

1932.

— The New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the Fourth of Sixth Month, 1932.

The accounts furnished us by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings give the names of representatives therefrom to this Meeting as follows, -

Samuel C. Webster, Eunice B. Clark, Thomas Pury, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, and Elizabeth Foster. The names of these friends being called all are present except one, whose absence is due to illness in his family.

The time for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired Thomas Pury and Elizabeth Foster were continued as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read in this Meeting, followed by answers from the two Quarterly Meetings, which are approved. A suitable summary of the answers is to be prepared for the records.

We have with us at this time Samuel W. Jones, a minister of Lansdowne, Penna. Monthly Meeting, who is accompanied by his wife, Florence M. Jones. Also from Lansdowne Monthly Meeting comes Sonnette G. Way, a minister in that Meeting. Both of these ministers presented minutes of concurrence from their Monthly Meeting, which were endorsed with cordial approval by Concord Quarterly Meeting.

With us also are a number of friends without minutes. All of these Friends, both those with and those without minutes, are welcomed by us in a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude. Their presence in this Meeting has brought us into a very precious Christian fellowship.

Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, and Thomas P. Nichols are appointed a Committee to have oversight of the different sittings of the yearly Meeting,

and to report at our next meeting.

It adjourned to meet at 9.30, Second Day morning, the 6th inst.

Second Day morning, the 6th of the month, at the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. Names of the representatives being called, they are present except one. The Committee appointed at our first session to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting has presented the following report, which was read, approved and directed to be recorded, -

"The query relating to our spiritual growth, being one of vital importance, brought forth the question whether we fully realize that there cannot be growth that does not show forth in fruits. Spiritual growth is a light that cannot be hidden, though it may show little of creed or schism. Spiritual growth means increasing fellowship with those who walk closely with Our Father.

'I am the way, the truth and the life'. This message has been brought to us in such a living, forceful way that we were made to feel anew that the spark within us can and will be kindled into spiritual flame if the divine manna be used as fuel. Then shall our fellowship grow more and more perfect until righteousness shall cover each of us as the waters cover the sea.

Letters from our widening circle of loving and sympathizing friends have come to us from practically every part of the world. We greet the writers as members of our household, speaking our language and seeking the goal we seek. Deep and earnest were the supplications that we may grow in grace and knowledge of

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our Heavenly Father's will concerning us, and be kept very near the table which has been so ~~lovingly~~ beautifully spread before us, so that we may be enabled to gather even the crumbs from this feast and nothing be lost. May we also crave that the talents with which we have been endowed grow in spiritual rather than temporal direction.

We were admonished to realize the all-importance of prayer. Such realization will result in increasing desire in us for that baptism which comes each day as a sprinkling of dew from heaven. Loving advice and admonition ^{to the young} was such as to make them conscious that we do indeed need their strength to uphold the hands which are growing weary from the stress and care of the day.

This meeting records with gratitude the loving help and inspiring messages brought to it this year by visiting ministers and Friends. The overflowing of the divine love, both in and out of the meetings, has resulted in unusual sympathy and understanding between the older and younger generations. It is the hope and prayer of the meeting that the vision here gained may not fade, but rather that it may lead us into newness of faith and works. There is much ground to be taken, and none shall make us afraid if we cling to the ancient principles of the Society, while pressing forward in the work of the new day.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.
Thomas Perry, Clerk.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the third of sixth month, 1933

The accounts furnished us by Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings give the names of representatives therefrom to this meeting as follows:-

Mary E. Foster, Horace B. Foster, Elizabeth J. Wilbur, and Mary C. Foster - Hannah W. Webster, Amos C. Foster and Phebe F. Perry. The names of these Friends being called all are present.

The account from Sandwich Quarter also informs us that the name of Anna Foster has been proposed for the station of Elder by the Sandwich Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders and is approved by the Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting ^{were appointed} having expired Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster were continued as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing.

The queries have been read in this meeting, followed by answers from the two Quarterly Meetings. The Clerk is directed to prepare a suitable summary of the answers and record same. Concerns were expressed in connection with the reading of these queries and answers, ~~as follows~~, concerns which may be summarized as follows:-

That we should be constantly on guard against lowering our standard of the spiritual life, and against compromise with unworthy practices.

That we shall cling to our silent mode of worship and our free gospel ministry as our richest heritage

That we fail not to cultivate our opportunities

for personal devotions and close approaches to our Lord and Master.

Augustus T. Murray, a member of Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C. presented a letter from his Meeting setting forth his concern to visit with his wife this Yearly Meeting, and sympathizing with his concern and approving his service. Gratification was expressed that Augustus Murray and his wife have been moved to come among us. This Meeting already feels a joyous uplift from the divine current flowing through his consecrated life. We have with us also our dear Friend, Daniel Oliver, from Friends School, Ras-El-Maten, Syria. This year, as on previous occasions we are greatly helped and stimulated by his loving messages.

A Committee of three is appointed to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting, and to report at our next meeting. The Committee is Eunice B. Clark, Phoebe F. Perry and Elizabeth J. Wilbur.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 5th inst.

Second Day morning, the 5th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the representatives being called all are present. The Committee appointed at our first session to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting has presented the following report, which was read, approved and directed to be recorded.

"From the opening of our meetings each subject has been presented in such a way

as to have a vital meaning, amounting in some cases to new interpretations for us.

The Inquiries which have come down to us for generations were not a mere form as read, but weighted with messages they sank into our individual minds. Without recording all the words of admonition, comfort and cheer, so marvellously given, it may be said that all felt that our Guide was indeed here, giving the inspiration.

Our deep desire and prayer is that all these things may fall into our hearts, there to be daily nurtured, until they bear fruits in their season. The younger ones present in this session can never forget the picture drawn for us of the good Shepherd, nor the love, care, leading and guiding which he will give all who will follow him.

How helpful was the petition that the obstacles in our path may be stepping stones to larger service, not hindrances in our work. Work was made the key word to explain the way to a happy life, a life in which the whole world will remember the words of the Master, "Hitherto my Father worked and I work."

No further business appearing, we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

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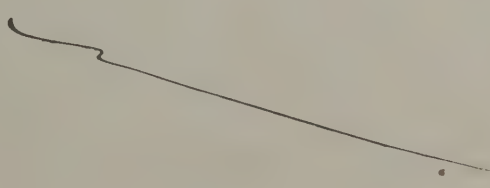
Answers to the Queries for 1933.

1st. Ministers in the exercise of their gifts are, we trust, careful to wait for divine ability that they may spread the true message of Christ, and thus promote the spiritual growth of their hearers.

2nd. We believe that our Ministers and Elders live in a clean and guarded way. They are in unity with one another and with their Meetings.

3rd. Much concern is felt that we shall foster the spiritual gifts of our young people in such ways that they will neither become discouraged nor indifferent; but will continue to strive toward worthy attainments, and may learn to wait for true guidance unto a vital religious experience.

4th. The spiritual life of a meeting cannot be accurately gauged, but we try to emphasize those eternal values which help to deepen the spiritual life of all meetings.



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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westbury, Rhode Island, the second of Sixth Month, 1934.

The account furnished us by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders names as representatives to this Meeting Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth Foster and Elizabeth G. Wilbur, whose names being read one is present. One of the representatives has deceased since her appointment and one is detained by illness in her family. No account is at hand from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, the Clerk of that Meeting reporting that appointment of representatives to this Meeting was somehow overlooked at the meeting held the 3rd of Fifth Month. The Clerk of that Meeting having submitted a copy of the answers to the queries as approved by that Meeting, this Meeting, which includes the memberships of that Meeting, waives the appointment of representatives and will proceed as if the appointment had been made.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster were continued as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the year ensuing. In the absence of the Assistant Clerk Phoebe F. Perry was appointed Assistant Clerk for the day.

The queries have been read in this Meeting followed by answers from the two quarterly meetings. The Clerk is directed to prepare a suitable summary of the answers and record the same.

In connection with the reading of the queries and answers visiting Friends brought messages of encouragement and loving exhortation along the following lines:-

The development of ministerial gifts in our members, however slight such gifts may at first appear.

Cultivation of the ~~part of~~ ^{art of} unobtrusively entering the doors of opportunity which open ~~on~~ every hand to those who truly seek to advance the spiritual well being of their fellow men.

Doing all that ^{we} can to make our meetings of Ministers and Elders meetings of leadership.

Esther Morton Smith, a member of Friends Meeting of Washington, D.C., presented a letter from her meeting, informing us of her intention to attend our yearly meeting, in the love of the Gospel. She is welcomed to this meeting as a tried and very dear Friend. In other years she has brought us messages of great helpfulness, and in this session she has shown ~~us~~ ^{us} doors of opportunity which we must enter if we would have our lives and the lives of our fellow men filled with light rather than darkness.

With us also are C. Wilfred Conard, and his wife Mary Egden Conard, of Lansdowne, and Richard C. Brown of Morristown. Their presence and fellowship with us are precious favors.

~~Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 4th inst.~~

A Committee of three was appointed to have oversight of the different sittings of the yearly meeting, the Committee consisting of Eunice B. Clark, Hanna Foster and Lucy W. Foster.

~~Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 4th inst.~~
Thomas Perry, Clerk

Second Day morning, the fourth of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being called one is present. The absence of the other two is explained on the same grounds as for the previous session.

The Committee appointed at our first session to have oversight of the different sittings of the Yearly Meeting has presented the following report, which was read, approved and directed to be recorded, -

"During these sessions we have been very forcibly impressed by the vital interpretation of the word 'Quakerism'. To us it means the Christ Message coming vitally to each heart. We have been reminded that today Friends have no monopoly of this interpretation of Christianity, but that there is the special privilege and responsibility of carrying it to a world full of conflict and misunderstandings. Surely we who have had generations of this way of life can only deplore the lack of numbers who have been willing to enter the open doors. Many have hung back, fearful of too great a sacrifice. Had we each one by our lives proclaimed our belief in the brotherhood of all mankind we should not have fallen so far short of Admiral Penn's prediction that we should overcome the world. This was forcibly illustrated by what was accomplished for the whole Japanese people by one handicapped by blindness.

While we should never cease to be grateful to the early Friends who blazed the trail for us in this excellent way of life, our great opportunity for service lies in practicing in our day what they practiced in theirs. Time has been given in these sessions

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for the personal searching intended by the reading of the queries. A deep spiritual exercise followed, with expressions of concern for which we shall be ever grateful."

In this particular meeting it has been brought forcibly before us that we may find our opportunity to follow Christ in seemingly obscure places. The service is frequently as important through the small as the large doorway. To further business appearing, we conclude, proposing to meet at this place next year, if consistent with the Divine Will. Thomas Perry, Clerk

Summary

- Answers to the Queries for 1934 -

1. We believe Ministers are careful to wait for Divine ability that they may spread the true message of Christ and promote the spiritual growth of their hearers.
2. It is thought our Ministers and Elders try constantly to live clean and blameless lives among men. They are in unity with one another and with their meetings.
3. We are deeply concerned over the welfare of our young people, and try to help them understand the joy which comes from experiencing a deep religious life.
4. The amount of spiritual life in a meeting is difficult to evaluate, but an effort is being made to foster that inner life without which there can be no vital worship.

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1st New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the 7th of 9th Month, 1935.

Eight members are present. No account is at hand naming representatives to this meeting, but it is stated by one who attended Rhode Island and ^{Sandwich} Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, held at North Warrumtoo, the 13th of 7th Month, that three of the five representatives appointed to this meeting are present.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster were continued as Clerk and Assistant Clerk. Phoebe F. Perry was appointed Assistant Clerk for the day.

Henry B. Leeds, a member of Stillwater, ^(Chico) Quarterly Meeting, ~~Chico~~ presented a letter from his meeting informing us of his being drawn to attend our Yearly Meeting, and of the sympathy and encouragement extended to him in his concern. The same letter states that William Bacon Evans, an Elder in Haddonfield and Salem (New Jersey) Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders is encouraged to accompany Henry B. Leeds.

This meeting welcomes these Friends and records its satisfaction and gratitude that they have been moved to visit us and share with us their vision of how we can best carry out Christ's purposes.

In place of the Committee to have Oversight of the Different Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting, which has been appointed in previous years, it is decided that this Meeting shall appoint two of its members to a Committee To Report on the ^{Several} Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting,

this report to be read at the final business session of the Yearly Meeting, and these two members so appointed to select two persons from the general membership of the Yearly Meeting to serve with them and the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting as the full committee. Eunice B. Clark and Phoebe F. Perry are appointed by this ~~meeting~~ as the members from this meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 9th inst.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

Second Day morning, the 9th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being called, three are present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting followed by answers which were forwarded from Rhode Island and ~~from~~ Sandwich Quarterly Meetings for Ministers and Elders. Concerns were then expressed that the spiritual gifts in the younger generation should be encouraged and fostered.

The report from the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting has been received and read. It is accepted as reflecting with accuracy and beauty the messages which have come to these sessions of the Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is directed to hand it to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, preparing to meet at this place next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

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Summary Answers to the Queries

Ans. I We believe ministers are careful to wait for Divine ability and thereby promote the spiritual growth of their hearers.

Ans. II The lives and conversations of Ministers and Elders are thought to be satisfactory and they are in unity with one another, and their meetings.

Ans. III Loving care is exercised over the young people and desires are felt for their growth in religious experience.

Ans. IV We trust there is a growth of spiritual life in our meetings. ~~and~~ ~~a~~ deeper growth is desirable.

-1936-

At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the 12th of Ninth Month, 1936.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following named Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, namely, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth Perry and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being called, two are present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before the Meeting, which resulted in the reappointment of Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

Larisa Prescott and Sarah W. Comstock presented a letter from Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends, stating that they expect to attend this Meeting and expressing the belief that their presence here will be of mutual interest and help.

Cyrus Cooper presented letters from Middleton

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(Ohio) Monthly Meeting of Friends and Salem (Ohio) Quarterly Meeting of Friends, making known his concern to visit this and other meetings and encouraging him in his extensive services. Following the reading of these letters there were expressions of gratitude and appreciation that these Friends, and others from a distance whose friendship and ministry are very precious to us, have come to us in the spirit of love and Christian fellowship. In that fellowship shall not our strength be renewed and our efforts quickened to bring about a richer spiritual life ^{for} everyone with whom we come in contact?

This Meeting names Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth Foster, Lydia Nichols and Sam Lowry to constitute the Committee to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting and submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day morning, the 14th inst.

Thomas Perry, Ark

Second Day morning, the 14th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being called, all are present.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting, followed by answers which were forwarded from Rhode Island and Sandwich. Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders. Concerns were then expressed that as Friends we shall make our life objective the laying hold of the great spiritual powers which often go unused, although they lie always near at hand and never hidden from those who truly seek and desire them.

The report from the Committee to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting has been

received and read in this meeting. It is accepted as being as satisfactory as any summary could be of the great truths and life-giving messages that have been brought to us in the sessions of this Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to hand it to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Thomas Purry, Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries.

- Ans I Ministers feel the responsibility of their gifts and are careful to wait for Divine guidance, believing that only thus can our meetings be strengthened.
- Ans II Ministers and elders try to live so that their example is helpful to others. They work in unity with each other and their meetings.
- Ans III The young people of the meeting receive our constant and loving care. The beliefs and way of worship of Friends are explained to them. Instruction is given through Bible Schools and books about religious characters, ~~and~~ also the family religious experiences are shared.
- Ans IV In our small meetings the spiritual life depends upon each member of the group. We believe our members are conscious of this responsibility. Our young people show an earnest spirit. It is hoped that those things which hinder the growth of spiritual life may diminish.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westbury, Rhode Island, the 18th of Ninth Month, 1937.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following named Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, namely Thomas Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Elizabeth Gidley and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being called three are present. The fourth is absent on account of illness.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before the meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

This Meeting names Phebe F. Perry, Marion Goodwin, and Thomas Perry to constitute the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and Submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Concerns were expressed that the ministry in our meetings for worship shall be strengthened. In giving expression to these concerns it was recognised that helpful ministry is dependent on a spirit of worship and worship is best attained after more or less regular periods of preparation. It was recognised also that worship is usually evidenced and promoted by ministry.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day, the 20th of the Month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

Second Day morning, the 20th of the month, near the hour adjourned to Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being called two are present. The Queries have been read in this Meeting, followed by answers which were forwarded from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly

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Meeting for Ministers and Elders

The report from the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and Submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting has been received and read in this Meeting. The Clerk is directed to hand it to the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year, if consistent with the Divine Will. Thomas Purry, Clerk

Summary Answers To The Queries.

- I. We believe that ministers realize their responsibility and earnestly endeavor to deepen the spiritual life of their meetings.
- II. Ministers and elders try to follow in Christ's step and live as He would wish. There is a feeling of unity among our members and in our meetings.
- III. Loving and watchful care is given our young people, realizing that on the spiritual welfare of our children depends the future of our Society.
- IV. We feel there is spiritual life in our meetings, and encouragement is felt by a slight increase in membership and interest.

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St New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the 10th of 9th Month, 1938.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, namely; Eunice B. Clark, Marion Goodwin, Phibe F. Purry, and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being read all are present.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before

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The meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

Friends from other meetings with us at this time are, -

~~Howard H. Brinton, Director of Pendle Hill,~~
Malcolm R. Lovell and his wife ~~Margaret~~ ^{Juanita} Lovell,
with a minute from Westbury Quarterly Meeting.
Effie McPhee of 15th Street Meeting, New York City.
Edith Sharpless of Philadelphia and Japan Yearly Meetings

Richard C. and Annie Brown of Mooustown, N.J., Meeting.

Four members of Cambridge, Mass. Meeting.
The presence of these Friends brings us joy and encouragement. Gratitude has been expressed that they have been moved to share with us their interpretation of Quaker fellowship at its best.

This Meeting names Anne Lowry, Eunice B. Clark, and Marion Gordwin to constitute the Committee to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting and Submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting. It is understood that the Committee is to be at liberty to submit the Closing Minute not to a later session of this Meeting but to the final session of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M. Second Day, the 12th of the month

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

Second Day - morning, the 12th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the representatives being called all are present.

The Inquiries have been read in this Meeting, followed by answers which were forwarded by

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries and Answers were spoken to in a way to emphasize the responsibility and the opportunities of members of this Meeting for encouraging Friends who are facing toward the light and ^{are} ready, if given encouragement, to share their spiritual experiences.

Friends with us at this session, and not at the opening session, include Howard H. Brinton, Director of Randle Hill and Mabel Moody of Concord. The report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting was not ready, and submission of the report was waived. ^{no further business appearing we adjourned, supposing to meet at this place next year, if convenient with the Breeze Hill.} Summary of answers to the queries - Thomas Perry, Clerk

I. Ministers, we believe, do endeavor to wait for the Divine Spirit to direct them, realizing that only as they are faithful to this Spirit can God work through them. We have a deep concern for the upbuilding of a live ministry and for the encouragement of a greater faithfulness on the part of all members.

II. We believe our ministers and elders endeavor to live clean and blameless lives. They are in unity with one another and with their meetings. We urge solemn consideration and meditation on the part of ministers and elders since no prepared answers can relieve them of this responsibility.

III. Thought and care are taken for the spiritual welfare of our young people. Only as our lives are centered in stillness and obedience and are renewed daily through a tide of inflowing love can youth feel that atmosphere of beauty which will invite them to share religious experiences.

IV. There is a concern for the deepening of the spiritual life in our meetings. But this query,

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can only be answered by heart searching on the part of each individual member.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westbury, Rhode Island, the 9th of Ninth Month, 1939.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, namely, Ethel Foster, Marion Goodwin, and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being read all are present.

The report from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting also states that Elizabeth Chase and Anna Ethelwyn Foster have been appointed Elders.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before this meeting, which resulted in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

This meeting names Phoebe F. Perry, Ethel Foster, Elizabeth Foster and Eunice B. Clark to constitute the Committee to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting and Submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting, it being understood that this report and minute will be submitted to this meeting for approval at its next session.

George Selleck presented greetings from the of Ministry and Circuits of Boston Monthly Meeting and of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

He also expressed a concern that Friends generally should recognize that the present is a testing time for their spiritual resources, and that there is urgent need for reexamination.

of their spiritual forces for facing the ~~the~~ critical situation that confronts them.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M., Second Day, the 11th of the month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

Second Day morning, the 11th of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the representatives being called all are present.

The Queries for this Meeting have been read with answers as submitted by the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Question was raised as to the value to the Meeting of having answers to the Queries. There was general agreement that the answers are worth while and of benefit to the Meeting, both for their content and for the spiritual exercise involved in their preparation. The suggestion was made, though apparently as expressing an ideal rather than a practical procedure, that each member of the Meeting should answer the Queries as applied to himself, and then have the several answers summarized. Several members voiced the opinion that in reading the general Queries in the Yearly Meeting longer pauses could well be allowed between queries for their consideration and for comment.

The Committee to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting and submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting has reported. The report, as attached hereto, meets with the approval of this Meeting.

We bring our Yearly Meeting sessions to a close in a spirit of deep thanksgiving that the cloud of depression under which we came together should have been so far lifted by the group of concerned Young Friends who have met with us. The energy and courage which they have shown in facing the serious problems which confront them have heartened us to arouse ourselves from lethargy and to use to the utmost all the intellectual and spiritual resources, all the physical strength we possess against the forces of war and evil in the world. We are convinced that only love can combat greed and hatred and only deep and abiding faith in God and in all mankind can make the power of love effective. The effort of the individual, small as it seems, may become part of an effective whole. Let us therefore dare to go forward and to venture all things for our belief in Christ.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year, if consistent with the Divine Will

Thomas Perry,
Clerk.

Summary Answers to the Queries.

- I. We believe that Ministers are prayerful about the use of their gifts, that they seek earnestly to be guided by the spirit of God, and to give messages which meet the needs of their hearers.
- II. Ministers and Elders seek to mind the Divine light shining in the soul, realizing only that in the purity of devotion to the Holy Spirit are they enabled to grow in faith and ^{to} practice, in their outer life, the spirit of love which irradiates. With a sense of their deep need, it is their earnest prayer that they may be more and more united into a living fellowship centered in God and in cooperation with His will. In these days of great perplexity and reliance on force, the spiritually drowning are calling. Some are turning to the Society of Friends. Ministers and Elders feel under a great sense of humility and of weight that they fail not to abide in Christ and to testify to the light which transforms and makes whole.
- III. The young people in our meeting are a vital concern to us. We realize that the problems confronting modern youth are deep and sometimes complex. We desire to be sensitive to spiritual needs and doubts; above all we pray that we may be awake to the spiritual strengths of our young people and that we may make God a living reality in our own lives and meetings so that the divine seed in them can find a medium for natural growth.

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IV. Our unqualified answer to this query is either the affirmative or the negative could be taken as an indication of over-confidence on the part of the framers of the answer in their powers of spiritual discernment. We believe that there are evidences in the meeting of spiritual yearning and striving, and we are conscious of how ^{far} short we fall of the possibilities of infinite growth in the spirit of Christ.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, The 7th of Ninth Month, 1940

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, viz; Marion Goodwin, Elizabeth M. Chace, Anne G. Lowry, Thomas Perry, Jane M. Foster and Henry T. Jidley, whose names being called, four are present.

The matter of appointment of clerks was before the meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The meeting names Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, and Anne Lowry to constitute the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting and submit a closing minute for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M., Second Day, The 9th of the Month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

Second Day morning, the Ninth of the Month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being called, four are present. A minute was received from Friendsville Monthly

Meeting, Friendsville Quarterly Meeting and Wilmington Yearly Meeting, commending Arthur Santmier, Field Secretary of Friendsville Academy, for service in this Yearly Meeting. This Meeting is aware of the arduous service which Arthur Santmier is rendering for Friendsville Academy and it appreciates his spirit of loving cooperation.

The Queries for this Meeting have been read with answers as submitted by the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. The answers were received as being not only responsive to conditions but helpfully positive and constructive.

It was expressed that the Yearly Meeting, which is not so large but that every member could easily have a helpful acquaintance with every other member, should initiate some steps or steps to make even the most inactive members feel that their problems are seen sympathetically, and that their individual help and cooperation are essential if our Meeting is to have continuing spiritual growth. ~~The Meeting named as a Committee to draft such a letter or letters and submit them to the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, or to the Meeting for Sufferings, at its discretion, - Anne Lowry, Elizabeth Foster, C. Elizabeth Perry, and Henry H. Perry.~~

To this end it was felt that a letter addressed to all the members, or at least to all the families in the Meeting, should be sent out reasonably soon with the aim of making clear in a spirit of loving cooperation the possibilities for good if there was a favorable response to the message. The Meeting named as a Committee to draft such a letter or letters and submit them to the Quarterly Meeting for Ministers and Elders, or, at its discretion, to the Meeting for Sufferings the following: - Anne Lowry, Elizabeth Foster, C. Elizabeth Perry, and Henry H. Perry.

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The Committee named to Report on the Several Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting and to submit a Closing Minute for the Consideration of the Yearly Meeting made no report to this Meeting other than to suggest that in future years the Closing Minute should be drawn by the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting rather than by a Committee. In the absence of objection it was understood that the suggestion was accepted by the Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, purposing to meet at this place next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries —

- I. We believe that ministers are conscious of the responsibility resting upon them, and endeavor to wait for the message which can be helpful only if it comes from God. We pray that each member of our group may take a more personal share of this responsibility, and may contribute either through words or in silence to the spiritual power of our meetings.
- II. We believe that ministers and elders feel concerned to follow the way of Christ, but that they have not reached the goal which this query suggests is attainable. Ministers and elders do work in harmony with one another and with their meetings.
- III. The development of our young people is an abiding concern with us. We wish to encourage their gifts and help them to know the joy which comes from close

communion with God. However, we believe that example is better than precept and that by showing in our own lives the happiness which may result from religious experience we can do most to encourage the spiritual growth of others.

IV. Because violence dominates in the world and there is great confusion and fear, we have been under deep concern and struggle in our endeavor to keep in the light. We believe that our spiritual life has been quickened by our feeling for the sufferings of others and by the deepened sense of our own shortcomings. Yet we are sensible that our greatest need is to cast aside all anxiety, to rest our spirits upon God's love which is the only armament powerful enough to conquer evil. We feel that the spiritual growth of our meetings has been slower than it should be. We pray that we may reach that place where our faith shall be so serenely centered upon the eternal, we shall be able to live daily in the power of good will.

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1st New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westbury, Rhode Island, the 6th of Ninth Month, 1941

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, viz; Thyra Jane Foster, Marian Goodwin and Thomas P. Nichols, whose names being called, two are present.

The matter of appointment of clerks was before the Meeting, which resulted in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The Meeting names Ethel Foster, Stan Lowry and Benjamin J. Roberts to constitute the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting.

Henry Perry reported that the letters directed to be sent by this Meeting ^{a year ago} were prepared and sent to two age groups. Suggestions were made to the effect that another effort along the same line might be more successful if the communications were prepared on a voluntary and individual basis rather than by the Committee method. It was suggested also that the appeal should be in a form to elicit response to questions bearing on definite problems of ideals and techniques.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M., Second Day, the 8th of the Month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

Second Day morning, the Eighth of the Month, near the hour adjourned to; Friends again met. The names of the Representatives being read, one is present.

The Queries for this Meeting, with answers, have been read, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Clerk of the Yearly Meeting with a copy of the answers to the third and fourth queries for reading in the Yearly Meeting if way opens.

This Meeting wishes to recommend to the Yearly Meeting that some provision be made for answering instead of merely reading the queries for the whole meeting. This recommendation does not contemplate regular written answers, but rather provision for answers when any member feels that an answer or answers would be helpful. The opinion was expressed that the Yearly Meeting needs to have a broader and more exalted vision of the place and the possibilities of the Meeting, and of its individual members in the communities in which they live. This vision can best be realized if our attitude toward the Yearly Meeting is that of seeking an opportunity for spiritual refreshment and growth and preparation for the year ahead. The machinery of the sessions needs to be kept in good working order; but it should at all times be kept subservient to the attainment of ~~quick perception~~ and spiritual currents which will bear us in the right direction if we are only sufficiently intent on finding them.

The Committee to Report on the Severalittings of the Yearly Meeting presented the

following report which was felt to sum up our sessions satisfactorily, -

We rejoice that in spite of world turmoil, we have been enabled to meet this year in peace and in love for one another.

The epistles from Friends living in danger of destruction and death make our local problems seem almost trivial. Their loving interest and counsel have drawn us still closer to our Master so that we have felt His nearness and enjoyed the rush of His presence.

The joyous spirit of friendliness for all men evident in the young men from the Camp for Conscientious Objectors was a real and powerful ministry to our Yearly Meeting. Their informal talks on First Day afternoon confirmed what ~~their~~ their faces and bearing had indicated - that they were trying to translate visions into reality through dedicated activity.

Such a translation was the burden of a concern for us all, expressed in the morning meeting for worship. In that meeting and throughout our sessions, a beautiful father and son spirit, both earthly and heavenly, has been felt.

We were reminded that to be complacently righteous is one thing, but to be able to see that a society can come on earth in which personality, that most precious thing in all the earth, shall not be hurt and destroyed as it is today - to have faith in that, to be willing to go and sell all, for that, is to lift morality far above and beyond merely being good.

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appears to place you apart, separate you from others, accept that loneliness; happy if by so doing, you preserve your integrity. A living pattern has more influence than words.

Thomas Parry, Clerk

Summary Answers to the Queries

Answer I

We believe that Ministers are fully conscious of the responsibility which rests upon them and that they listen for the Divine Voice which alone can speak to the needs of all.

Answer II

We believe that Ministers and Elders realize their responsibility and are careful of their conduct. They have been granted ability to work in a good degree of unity with one another and their meetings.

Answer III

There is a genuine concern for the spiritual growth of the young people of our meeting. During the past year a special effort has been made to make them more aware of the help they can be to the meeting and the meeting to them. The importance of developing that awareness can hardly be exaggerated. We need to remember, however, that the Spirit can be quickened but not forced, and that our lives will always speak louder than words.

If we, the older generation, live on a plane of sincere service and glad devotion to God and our fellow men, that will strengthen the younger generation as nothing else can. It requires no conscious effort on the part of youth to test the sincerity and usefulness

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of their elders by applying the question found in one of the old queries, "And are they good examples therein themselves?"

Answer - IV

It is hard to determine the growth of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, since it is an individual concern.

Each member of the meeting desires a better understanding of the Infinite, a closer fellowship with God, and this is "growth" in its highest sense.

When the meeting is so drawn as the "Needle to the Magnet" then can we hear the Spirit whisper to us in the words of the old prophet, "Unto them that fear my name, shall the Son of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings."

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the 16th of Tenth month, 1942.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, viz: Jessie G. Carter, Phoebe F. Perry and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being called, all are present.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before the Meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The minutes of the 1941 sessions of this Meeting were read.

Information comes through the report of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders that South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has appointed Benjamin J. Roberts a minister.

The Meeting names Thyra Jane Foster, Jessie Gidley Carter and Elizabeth Foster to constitute the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M., Second Day, the 19th of the month.

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Second Day morning the 19th of the month at the hour adjourned to, Friends again met.

The names of the Representatives being read all are present. In absence of the clerk Jessie G. Carter was asked to serve for this time.

The Queries have been read also the answers, which are satisfactory to the meeting.

The minute, on answering any of the General Queries in last years minutes was read. It was thought that this helpful suggestion should be kept before our minds from time to time.

The report of the Committee to summarize the several sittings of the yearly meeting was read and approved, and we forward it to be read at the concluding session of the Yearly Meeting.

As we gathered this year under a sense of the apparently almost universal frustration and anguish of the world, moving, as it may be, into another dark age of its history, we were brought into deep searchings of spirit as to what we may do to help find and follow the true pathway of redemption for the world and for ourselves.

In the concerned and reverent stillness of our meetings, we have known that we must each of us bear some portion of the world's burden of failure and immeasurable pain and grief.

yet, as we read some of the epistles which came to us from tortured spots overseas, we rejoiced in their courage and hope.

The room seemed full of love as we gathered up these brave imperishable fragments of tested faith, shining through human suffering. We had a renewed sense of the love of God which passes through and over all mortal and material obstacles.

Fellowship thus experienced across agonized continents is a memorable treasure which should inspire us to do our utmost in helping create a richer, fuller life, even in this dark age.

Our fellowship has also been much enriched by a goodly number of visitors with whom we felt increasing kinship during the few days we spent together.

The young people proved a very real strength to us, through their suggestive messages and their loyal cooperation in the concerns of the meeting for Civilian Public Service Camps, for undisciplined ^{courage} ~~that~~ work for peace, and for other pressing responsibilities.

Fervent expression was given to the convictions that we need to set aside more time in our daily programs for meditation and prayer, which are necessary to the growth of a spiritual life; that we should turn our earnest consideration and protection to the sanctity and beauty of ideal home life, where peace and true understanding and love may set the pattern.

for wider experience after word; and that we should broaden our horizons and our sympathies by much more intervisitation; whether to other meetings, or among friends or in places where help of some kind may be needed.

as we separate, may we realize more keenly than ever before that each of us can only find his true path through these deeply troubled days by striving continually for a closer walk with God and a truer, deeper, more concerned love for all mankind.

Jessie G. Carter

clerk for the day.

Summary Answers to Queries 1942.

I. We believe ministers are very conscious of the responsibility which rests upon them of expressing only those messages which come to them through communion with God. They realize that by God's power alone can the spiritual life of the meeting be quickened.

II. Ministers and elders endeavor in their lives and conversation to be worthy of the position to which they have appointed. Some of us have however, felt we do ~~not~~ come short of this mountaintop living. never the less, we are not unduly discouraged, for we remember only

Jesus was perfect, We are heartened by the knowledge that we do labor in unity of spirit with one another and our meeting, keeping our eyes upon the master Physician who came, not to judge the world but to save the world. May we, in our efforts to live clean and up-right lives, never judge another harshly but rather try to understand what is back of his actions and then do and say what we think Jesus might have done and said.

III. The spiritual care of the young has long been a concern of this meeting since we realize that, on them, depends the growth of the meeting, if it grows at all. We try, by precept and example, to encourage them in spiritual things, pointing them to the joys that may be ours by keeping close to the master's feet. We encourage as best we can, all those who have a leaning towards religious things and pray God that the Spirit of the Highest will make clear and illumine their pathway.

IV. We believe there are evidences of spiritual growth in individual members in our meetings, and the whole meeting profits there-by. In these ~~troubled~~^{our} times we need a greater awareness of and sensitiveness to the suffering and need around us, a greater willingness to be obedient to the light within, and a fuller sense of our own failure and weakness.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the 15th of Tenth Month, 1943.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states that the following Friends were appointed to represent it at this time, viz; Anna Foster, Annie G. Lowry, Ethel Foster and Jessie G. Carter, whose names being called three are present.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before the Meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The minutes of the 1942 sessions of this Meeting were read.

The Meeting names Phoebe F. Perry, Marion Goodwin, and Elizabeth Foster to constitute the Committee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting.

Our attention has been called to the fact that there is a substantial number of young Friends, perhaps as many as 20 or 30, who will not attend this Yearly Meeting. The Meeting was urged to consider the probable reasons for those absences, and to examine its responsibility for the condition with the idea of adopting attitudes and measures calculated to make the Meeting fill a needed place in the lives of these young people. The reasons which were assigned as probable and the suggestions made for increasing the attendance were to emphasize the need for sympathetic understanding of the unique problems confronting

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young people in these confused times.

It journeyed to meet at 9.30 St. M., Second Day, the 18th of the Month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

Second Day morning, the 18th of the Month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met.

The names of the Representatives being read all are present.

The Minutes have been read. Also the answers, which are satisfactory to the Meeting.

Very loving concerns were expressed that our lives shall be so filled with a joyous consciousness of the reality and beauty of the Divine Teaching that in our meetings there will overflow in ministry.

The report of the Committee to summarize the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting was read and approved, and we forward it to be read at the concluding session of the Yearly Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, proposing to meet at this place next year, if consistent with the Divine will.

Thomas Perry, Clerk.

— Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting —
During the sessions of this Yearly Meeting we have considered, in loving fellowship, the future of our Meeting and the broader prospects which are opening before it. There has been a sense of belonging together which has been very precious and a unity of purpose which has aided our discussion of how to grow into the new, out of the old, and how to save the best of the old.

We have missed many of our young people, unable to be present because of the exigency of the times, but we have been strengthened by the helpful words of visiting Friends and by those of our own members. We have been urged to consider sincerity as vital to accomplishment, looking forward rather than back, that we may become all that we are capable of being. To expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

The reports of the committees have been constructive, offering us many fields of service. As we listened we were reminded that if we are to be successful peace makes our energy must equal that of the war makers and we must dedicate ourselves more completely to the tasks which lie ahead. The attainment of true worship involves a willingness to respond to whatever openings may come to us and an effort to simplify our lives so that there may be a place and a time for those things which matter most.

The Yearly Meeting closes with a feeling of expectancy as we look forward to broader fields of service, to a wider Fellowship of Friends, believing that a blessing will attend us if we look to God as our Guide and Strength.

Summary Answers to Quence Answer I

We believe that ministers realize that without waiting quietly and humbly for the Spirit of Christ to enter into their hearts and minds no deep impression can be made upon their

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fellow worshippers, but that with God speaking through them all things are possible. Two meetings report they seldom have Ministers present.

Answer II

There is a responsibility resting upon Ministers and Elders which we, perhaps, do not appreciate sufficiently. Do we realize the impression which can be made upon young people by their elders meeting the little trials and discouragements of life in a large way? Do we realize that according to the sincerity of our Christian faith our children may be influenced for or against religion? Do we show that joy in God's handiwork and that love for our fellow men which can make our lives a light in darkness?

Answer III

We realize that a deep religious sense with an awareness of God's presence is the greatest gift which a human being can possess. We also know that this possession can be earned only by the struggle of each individual to come closer to the Infinite. We aim to give such an atmosphere to our meetings and to our homes that the delicate perceptions of young people may find there a breeding place for Christian thought and action through which their moral natures can grow in wisdom and stature.

Answer IV

This query can be answered only by each person looking within and evaluating the growth of spiritual power there, since the life of any meeting is just as strong as the life of its individual members. In so doing we must realize that without growth we

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cannot live and that the meeting whose
memoranda does not feel a quickening of
spiritual life is a meeting which cannot
endure.

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At New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Westbury, R. I., the 20th of Tenth Month 1944.

Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in its report states ^{to represent} that the following friends were appointed ^{to represent} it at this time, viz: Marian B. Goodwin, Ethel Foster and Philip Gifford, whose names being called all are present.

The matter of appointment of Clerks was before the Meeting, which united in reappointing Thomas Perry and Elizabeth Foster as Clerk and Assistant Clerk respectively.

The suggestion was advanced that the yearly Meeting would do well not to shorten its sessions nor so fill them with routine business that there will not be opportunity for unhurried discussion of the problems and needs which our younger members have on their minds. It was suggested also that longer sessions than are now customary will be necessary if the Meeting is to discharge its responsibilities and give opportunity for expression of well founded concerns.

The minutes of the 1943 Meeting of Ministers and Elders were read.

The Meeting names Ann Lowrey, Ethel Foster, and Mary Jessie Parker to constitute the Com-

MINUTE OF EXERCISE

A spirit of love seemed to brood over our meetings and draw us closer to each other and to the Source of all love.

We must receive from God that Life which so changes us that we become publishers of His Truth by the way in which we live. Only by constantly renewed endeavor to do God's will can we live so that our lives actually proclaim those eternal truths whose importance we know when our spirits are most humble and receptive to Divine leading.

In the same way our meetings must constantly be renewed so that they may be living, growing instruments of Divine love.

As we have been called to greater faithfulness in all that we are and do, peace has come into our hearts. We feel that we have been shown the right path and we are ready to move forward with a sense that as in the past divine love is the power which can and does transform men. We need to be not only concerned emissaries of Truth but also servants ready to receive messages which God has given to others for us, so that with consecrated hearts, we may always be inspired to devote our lives to the worship and service of God.

mittee to Report on the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 A.M. Second Day, the 23rd of the month.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

Second Day morning, the 23rd of the month, near the hour adjourned to, Friends again met.

The names of the Representatives being called all are present.

The Queries have been read. Also the answers, which are satisfactory to the Meeting.

Gratitude has been expressed for the sense of quiet joy and confidence that has pervaded this Yearly Meeting as regards both the past history of the Meeting and the spirit with which it will enter the United Meeting with its new responsibilities and opportunities.

It was stressed that the permanence of the fruits of that spirit will depend upon the newness of life that we maintain in our Monthly Meetings and our individual daily lives.

The Report of the Committee to summarize the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting was read and approved with the understanding that before presenting the report for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting the Committee has liberty to make certain minor additions which have been suggested in this Meeting.

No further business appearing we conclude, grateful for all that has been noble and worthy in the one hundred years of this Meeting's history.

Thomas Perry, Clerk

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To the Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friend,

I am forwarding you a copy of a Memorandum that was passed by our Meeting for Sufferings some time ago in respect to American Ministers Visiting England. It was drawn up because frequently American Friends coming to England with Minutes of Liberation have failed to report themselves and so have not obtained the necessary credentials from the Meeting for Sufferings. It was thought that a document of this sort might be of help to American Friends who come to us with Minutes of Liberation.

Yours sincerely,

W.F. NICHOLSON,

Recording Clerk.

In place of the ^{Advisory} Committee to have oversight
of the ~~work~~ ^{work} of the ~~Y. M. C. A.~~ ^{Y. M. C. A.} meetings
it ~~has been~~ ^{which has been} ~~decided~~ ^{decided} that these meetings
will Gerrit B. Clark appoint two
of its Phileas F. Curry members
to a ~~Subcommittee~~ ^{on the Expenses of the Y. M. C. A.} to prepare a Report, to be read at
the first business session of
the ~~Y. M. C. A.~~ ^{Y. M. C. A.} meetings. These two mem-
bers to select two other members
from the general membership of
the Y. M. C. A. to serve with them and
the Clerk of the Y. M. C. A.

C. B. C. & P. F. C. are ~~appointed~~ ^{named}
as the members of that Committee
from the ~~Y. M. C. A.~~ ^{Y. M. C. A.} meetings.

Adjourned to meet at 9.30 Second Day
morning, the 9th inst. -

AMERICAN MINISTERS VISITING ENGLAND.

1. We desire to extend a cordial welcome to all Ministering Friends who come from other Yearly Meetings for service amongst us, and to do what we can to further their concern. Of late, however, there has been so wide a diversity of procedure in regard to the issue of Liberating and Returning Minutes for service of Friends between the United States of America and London Yearly Meeting, that we have thought it desirable to write to the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent and to make some suggestions.

2. Our Meeting for Sufferings, (which is the Executive Committee of our Yearly Meeting), has a standing Committee, whose duty it is to meet such Ministering Friends as soon as possible after their arrival, and, after hearing what is their special concern, to help them in making plans to carry this out in the best and most effective way. Usually one or more Friends are appointed to keep in touch with them throughout their visit by correspondence, and at the conclusion of their service to report to the Meeting for Sufferings and, if desirable, to arrange for a Returning Minute to be given them.

3. When Friends bring a certificate from their home meeting it is best at once on their arrival to hand or send this to our Recording Clerk at the Central Office in London, and he will then make arrangements.

4. Friends in America will see that it is very desirable that those who wish to have religious service amongst us should be furnished with such Minutes. This practice facilitates helpful service and cordial fellowship.

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A departure from correct principles haveing gradually progressed in the Sosiety of friends in N. England for a considerable number of years, until it became evident to many minds that a general depravity would take place, unless some honest friends were found among us, who were willing to suffer the reproaches of men, by making a stand against the introduction of unsound doctrines which many were disposed to bring into the Church unawares.

And a Remnant has been found willing to stand up among us for the support of the Cause and the testimonies of Truth; and refused to sell them for that which is not Bread, and to resign them for that which satisfieth not; wherefore they have been persecuted and finally driven from the community of thos who have been long desireing to sit in Moses' seat, and to lord it over the Heritage of God. And this persecuted number, have finally become detached from the ranks of their enemies, and have been enabled to sustain a Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders under the original order, Doctrine, testimonies and Dicipline of the ancient Sosiety of friends.

But the Records of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders for New England, haveing fallen into the hands of the apostate part of the Sosiety, we now commence anew in this Book to record the transactions of our Select Yearly Meeting.

At an adjournment of our Meeting of of Ministers and Elders held on 5th day morning the 19th of 6th Mo. 1845. Held at a Baptist Meeting House on Clarke Street New Port, on Rhodisland, for New England.

By reason of a cesession from our doctrines and dicipline, a departure in which the Clerk of this Meeting with many other of its members have identified themselves and are not with us

This Meeting appoints John Wilbur Clerk for the the present Year.

On account of the State of things refered to above and by reason that the Clerks of the Select Quarterly Meetings have also identified themselves with those who have thus departed from our doctrine and Discipline, and from other Causes, the accounts from our Quarterly Meetings of Ministers and Elders have fallen into the hands of the seceders, so that we are deprived of any written accounts from those Meetings.

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John Wilson Liberator to visit England & Ireland 1858





